



Application for Republic Lodging Tax Funds

Amount of Lodging Tax Requested: \$ _____

Organization/Agency Name:			
Federal Tax ID Number:			
Event of Activity Name (if applicable):			
Contact Name and Title:			
Mailing Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email Address:		

Check all service categories that apply to this application:

- Tourism Promotion/Marketing
- Operation of a Special Event/Festival designed to attract tourists
- Operation of a Tourism Promotion Agency
- Operation of a Tourism-Related Facility owned or operated or non-profit organization
- Operation and/or Capital Costs of a Tourism-Related Facility owned by a municipality

Check which one of the following applies to your agency:

- Non-Profit (*Attach Copy of current non-profit corporate registration with Washington Secretary of State*)
- Public Agency
- For Profit Agency/Business

CERTIFICATION

I am an authorized agent of the organization/agency applying for funding. I understand that:

- I am proposing a tourism-related service. If awarded, my organization intends to enter into a Municipal Serviced Contract with the City and provide liability insurance for the duration of the contract naming the City as an additional insured and in an amount determined by the City.
- The City of Republic will only reimburse those costs actually incurred by my organization/agency and only after the service is rendered, paid for if provided by a third party, and a signed Request for Reimbursement form (or other form acceptable to the City) has been submitted to the City, including copies of invoices and payment documentation.
- My agency will be required to submit a report documenting economic impact results in a format determined by the City.

Signature:	Date:
Printed or Typed Name:	

1. Describe your tourism-related activity or event.

- If an event: (list the event name, date(s), and projected overall attendance.)
- Describe why tourists will travel to Republic to attend your event, activity/facility.

2. (Estimates in question #2 are required by State law)

As a direct result of your proposed tourism-related service, provide an estimate of:	
a. Overall attendance at your proposed event/activity/facility:	
b. Number of people who will travel more than 50 miles for your event/activity:	
c. Of the people who travel more than 50 miles, the number of people who will travel from another country or state:	
d. Of the people who travel more than 50 miles, the number of people who will stay overnight in Republic or the Republic area:	
e. Of the people staying overnight, the number of people who will stay in PAID accommodations (hotel/motel/bed-breakfast) in Republic or the Republic area:	
f. Number of paid lodging room nights resulting from your proposed event/activity/facility: <i>(example: 25 paid rooms on Friday and 50 paid rooms on Saturday = 75 paid lodging room nights)</i>	
g. At an average daily rate of \$82, my paid room lodging impact is: <i>(e.g. 75 Room nights x \$82 = \$6,150 x .04 Lodging Tax = \$246.00 Total Lodging Tax Rev.)</i>	

What methodology did you use to calculate the estimates? (For example, some entities may ask for zip codes on ticket sales, put up a map at your event for visitors to pinpoint their home, or would your event be able to be tracked by a partner hotel who offers a special rate?)

3. Describe the prior success of your event/activity/facility in attracting tourists:

4. Describe your target tourist audience (location, demographics, etc.):

5. Describe how you will promote your event/activity/facility to attract tourists:

6. Describe how you will promote lodging establishments, restaurants, and businesses located in the City of Republic.

7. **Are you applying for Lodging Tax Funds from another community (yes or no)? If yes, list the other jurisdictions(s) and amounts(s) requested:**

8. **What is the overall budget for your event/activity/facility? What percent of the budget are you requesting from Republic Lodging Tax Fund?**

9. **What will you cut from your proposal or do differently if full funding for your request is not available or recommended?**

Application Instructions and General Guidelines

Application Deadline: October 1st – received at Republic City Hall.

To be eligible for consideration, your complete proposal must be received by the deadline.

Submit original to:

City of Republic
c/o Hotel Motel Lodging Committee
PO Box 331
Republic, WA 99166

Email: cityclerk@republicwa.org
City Hall Street Address: 987 S. Clark Ave., Republic

- **You must complete and sign the cover sheet with this packet**
- **You may use the Supplemental Form to type the questions and answers on separate sheets of paper.**
- **Please number each page in your packet, except for the optional brochures/information.**

Attach:

1. Itemized budget for your event/activity/facility (income and expenses).
2. Description and budget showing how you intend to use the amount requested from the City of Republic.
3. A copy of your agency's current non-profit corporate registration with the Washington Secretary of State.
4. A copy of your organization's business plan, if you have one.
5. (Optional) Brochures or other information about your event/activity/facility, in particular items showing recent tourism promotion efforts.

This proposal and all documents filed with the City are public records. The City may choose to post on its website copies of the proposals and attached documents.

City of Republic Lodging Tax Fund Overview

Republic's Lodging Tax Fund is the primary source of City funding for activities, operations, and expenditures designed to increase tourism. The City intends to maintain a reserve in the Fund, and will assess on an annual basis how much of the Fund to appropriate in a given year.

The Republic City Council has Hotel Motel Lodging Tax Committee to conduct an annual process to solicit and recommend Lodging Tax funded services for City Council consideration.

The City of Republic will only consider proposals for use of the Lodging Tax Fund from public and non-profit agencies.

HIGH PRIORITY will be given to tourism activities that:

- Have a demonstrated potential or high potential from the Committee's perspective to result in overnight stays by tourists in lodging establishments within the City of Republic.
- Promote Republic and/or events, activities, and places in the City of Republic to potential tourists from outside Ferry County.
- Have demonstrated or high potential from the Committee's perspective to result in documented economic benefit to Republic.
- Have a demonstrated history or success in Republic, or are proposed by a group with a demonstrated history or high potential of success with similar activities.
- Minimize duplication of services where appropriate and encourage cooperative marketing and/or includes an element of cooperation or partnership.
- Provide, maintain, operate or enhance City-owned tourism facilities or infrastructure.

Republic Hotel Motel Lodging Committee Considerations

In developing its recommendations, the Committee considers:

- The estimated amount of Lodging Tax Fund available for the coming year as provided by the City's Finance Office.
- Thoroughness and completeness of the proposal.
- Percent of the proposal request to the event/facility promotions budget and overall revenues.
- Percent of increase over prior year Republic Lodging Tax funded proposals, if any.
- Projected economic impact within the City of Republic, in particular projected overnight stays in Republic lodging establishments.
- The applicant's history of tourism promotion success.
- Committee member general knowledge of the community and tourism-related activities.

State Law Excerpts

RCW 67.28.1816 – Use of Lodging Tax Fund.

Lodging tax revenue under this chapter may be used, directly by any municipality or indirectly through a convention and visitors bureau or destination marketing organization for:

- a. Tourism marketing;
- b. The marketing and operations of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists;
- c. Supporting the operations and capital expenditures of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by a municipality or a public facilities district created under chapters 35.57 and 36.100 RCW; or
- d. Supporting the operation of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by nonprofit organizations described under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) and 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(6) or the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended.

RCW 67.28.080 – Definitions.

- “Municipality” means any county, city or town of the state of Washington.
- “Operation” includes, but is not limited to, operation, management, and marketing.
- “Person” means the federal government or any agency thereof, the state or any agency, subdivision, taxing district or municipal corporation thereof other than county, city or town, any private corporation, partnership, association, or individual.
- “Tourism” means economic activity resulting from tourists, which may include sales of overnight lodging, meals, tours, gifts, or souvenirs.
- “Tourism promotion” means activities and expenditures designed to increase tourism, including but not limited to advertising, publicizing, or otherwise distributing information for the purpose of attracting and welcoming tourists; developing strategies to expand tourism; operating tourism promotion agencies; and funding marketing of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists.
- “Tourism-related facility” means real or tangible personal property with a usable life of three or more years, or constructed with volunteer labor, and used to support tourism, performing arts, or to accommodate tourist activities.
- “tourist” means a person who travels from a place of residence to a different town, city, county, state, or country, for purposes of business, pleasure, recreation, education, arts, heritage, or culture.

TIMELINE FOR 2024 LODGING TAX APPLICATIONS

AUGUST 1, 2023	Applications Available
OCTOBER 1, 2023	Applications due in City Hall
DECEMBER 2023	Lodging Tax Committee to review applications
FIRST CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 2024	Lodging Tax Committee presents a funding list to the City Council
SECOND CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 2024	2024 Lodging tax funds awarded by City Council
JANUARY 2024 AFTER SECOND CITY COUNCIL MEETING	Award contracts sent out to applicants
DECEMBER 15, 2024	Deadline for all reimbursement requests for 2024