



**Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Meeting  
October 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 - 10:15 – 12:00 p.m.  
322 N. Commercial Street, Bellingham, WA**

[Virtual Link](#)

**Agenda**

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| 1. | Welcome & Introduction of Committee Members                      | Chair     |
| 2. | Confirmation of 06/26/2025 Meeting Minutes                       | Chair     |
| 3. | Public Comment   | Chair     |
| 4. | Review of Tourism Promotion / Public Tourism Agency Applications | Committee |

Tourism Promotion Applications		
Bellingham/Whatcom Co. Tourism - operations		\$250,000
Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce		\$30,000
Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce - VIC & Porta-Potties		\$240,000
Blaine Chamber of Commerce - Blaine Visitor Center	(new applicant)	\$30,000
Mt. Baker Chamber of Commerce - Mt. Baker Visitor Center		\$256,000
Point Roberts Chamber of Commerce - Point Roberts Tourism Project		\$30,000
Sea to Sky Events - Sea to Sky Events (DMC Launch)	(new applicant)	\$5,250
Whatcom County Parks Guide/Brochure		\$6,000
<b>Chambers &amp; Tourism SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$847,250</b>

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| 5. | Review of Event/Festival Applications              | Committee |
| 6. | Other items  | Committee |
| 7. | Committee Deliberation of 2025 Funding Allocations | Committee |

Events and Festival Applications		
Allied Arts - Cultural Connections 2026		\$10,000
Bellingham Bay Swim Team & Whatcome Rangers - Bellingham Bay Marathon	(new applicant)	\$32,500
Bellingham SeaFeast - Bellingham SeaFeast Festival		\$20,000
Cascade Mountain Ascents - Peaks and Possibilities: Outdoor Tourism Event		\$37,800
CASCADIA International Women's Film Festival		\$10,000
Ferndale Community Services - Ferndale Pride Celebration	(new applicant)	\$5,000
Jansen Art Center - "Lens Arts at The J: Come and Stay!"		\$15,000
North Cascades Bluegrass Festival - North Cascades Bluegrass Festival		\$35,500
Photo Palooza Events - Photo Palooza PNW	(new applicant)	\$25,000
Quest Races - Galbraith Supreme	(new applicant)	\$25,000
Ragnar Events, LLC - Ragnar Relay Northwest Passage	(new applicant)	\$25,977
Scottish Dance Society - Bellingham Scottish Gathering		\$25,000
Strings & Things LLC - Strings & Things International Music Festival		\$45,000
Sustainable Connections - Eat, Drink, and Explore Whatcom County: Drive		\$45,000
Warrior Service USA - Warrior Service Blaine Veterans Appreciation Week	(new applicant)	\$30,000
Whatcom Events - Whatcom Events (Portfolio)		\$50,000
Whatcom Frightmare - Whatcom Frightmare Haunted House Fundraiser	(new applicant)	\$9,228
Wings Over Water Northwest - 2026 Wings Over Water NW Birding Festival		\$10,000
<b>Event and Festivals SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$456,005</b>
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