

WHAT IS LODGING TAX?

Municipalities collect and use lodging tax for the following tourism activities:

- Tourism marketing
- Operations of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists
- Capital expenditures for tourism-related facilities owned by the municipality

The municipality may spend the funds directly or award the funds to a convention and visitor bureau or destination marketing organization.

WHY DO I HAVE TO ANSWER ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS?

Municipalities are required to report to the State of Washington Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee (JLARC) on Lodging Tax spending. We are asking you, as a grant recipient, to provide us with the information that the State is asking us to report. They want to know predictions and actuals on:

- Overall attendance
- Attendance, 50 + miles
- Attendance, Out of State, Out of Country
- Attendance, Paid for Overnight Lodging
- Attendance, Did Not Pay for Overnight Lodging
- Paid Lodging Nights