

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg adopting the distribution of the 2024 lodging tax fund grants.

WHEREAS, RCW 39.34.080 and other Washington State law, as amended, authorizes any city to contract with any other city/county to perform any governmental service, activity or undertaking which each contracting city/county is authorized by law to perform; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of Kittitas County and the cities of Ellensburg, Cle Elum, and Roslyn previously entered into an interlocal agreement for the purposes of creating a consolidated lodging tax grant process for special events and projects; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the interlocal agreement, Kittitas County solicited applications for the distribution of the 2024 Hotel/Motel tax funds in the form of reimbursable grants for special events and projects throughout Kittitas County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the interlocal agreement, the respective Lodging Tax Advisory Committees (LTACs) or designees of Kittitas County and the cities of Ellensburg, Cle Elum, and Roslyn have reviewed all the applications submitted to Kittitas County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the interlocal agreement, Kittitas County compiled the various participating entity's scoring and funding recommendations and forwarded them to the combined county-wide LTAC Consolidated Work Group for further review; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the interlocal agreement, the combined county-wide LTAC Consolidated Work Group met in an open public meeting December 1, 2023, at Ellensburg City Hall to receive presentations from applicants, and deliberated to reach a final funding recommendation which is to be forwarded to each entity's legislative body for final approval; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with an amendment to the interlocal agreement, each participating municipality agreed to make available 13% of their annual lodging tax collections to be awarded through the consolidated lodging tax grant process; and

WHEREAS, Kittitas County designated \$323,014.59 to be available for grants as part of this process, Ellensburg designated \$87,753.09, Cle Elum designated \$14,815.90, and Roslyn designated \$3,923.37; and

WHEREAS, the combined county-wide LTAC Work Group recommended expending \$429,506.95 of the designated funds; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the interlocal agreement, Kittitas County will provide notice to each successful applicant and will require a contract be agreed to by each successful applicant prior to funding awards being available for reimbursement; and


WHEREAS, in accordance with the interlocal agreement, Kittitas County will serve as the single reimbursing agency for all successful applicants and will bill each participating municipality's lodging tax fund for its respective share of any reimbursements awarded and applied for; and

WHEREAS, the legislative authorities for Kittitas County and the cities of Ellensburg, Cle Elum, and Roslyn are approving only their respective lodging tax fund grant awards.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City of Ellensburg hereby awards the 2024 Hotel/Motel Tax fund grants distribution for special events and projects as follows:

Gallery One	\$20,000.00
Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame	\$18,750.00
Kittitas County Historical Society, Inc.	\$15,000.00
Kittitas Valley Event Center – Patriot Night	\$14,500.00
Webb Events, LLC – Cowboy Cross	\$14,377.00
Laughing Horse Arts Foundation	\$ 3,660.00
Junk-tiquen in the Burg	\$ 1,466.09
Total	\$87,753.09

ADOPTED this 16th day of January 2024.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk