



Frequently Asked Questions for 2020 City of Mukilteo Lodging Tax Grants and COVID-19

What happens to our grant funding if we have to cancel the event?

All expenses that were accrued in good faith trying to put on the event will still be reimbursed by the City. Follow the same process for reimbursement requests and submit the required documentation, and a reimbursement will be processed for you. RCW 67.28.1816 allows lodging tax funds to be distributed for the marketing and operations of special events and festivals. The current state of emergency that has been declared may result in the cancellation of many events, but there are costs that could still be covered.

Can we reschedule our event to a later date and still use the grant funds?

Yes, as long as your event takes place in 2020 and you stick with the original project outline you defined in the Scope of Work section of your lodging tax grant application. No 2020 lodging tax funds can be used after December 31, 2020.

What happens if we need to modify the Scope of Work because the COVID-19 restrictions for large groups are still in place and still want to hold the event in 2020?

You can complete a request form and submit it to the City's Executive Department. Any type of change would require a vote from the City's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Will any of the 2021 lodging tax dollars be given back to the hoteliers to help them bounce back from the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order?

We have not heard that the state will be taking this action. However, the fund in 2020 will definitely be diminished from the shutdown of the tourism and travel industry, which is the main source of funding. For Mukilteo, this diminished fund in 2020 will affect the lodging tax grant fund in 2021 and 2022.

If you still have questions, contact the Executive Department at (425) 263-8018 or email http://comments@mukilteowa.gov.