BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF: APPROVE 2025 "LODGING TAX" CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FOR FUNDING FROM TOURISM PROMOTION FUND NO. 1980 FOR TOURISM-RELATED ACTIVITIES	RESOLUTION NO. 24-468

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 67.28.128, the county receives a distribution of the state retail sales tax on lodging in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, an organization is eligible to apply for a portion of the “Tourism Promotion Funds” if its project or activity promotes tourism in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, multiple organizations submitted applications to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) to request funding for events, projects and activities that promote tourism; and

WHEREAS, the LTAC members held an all-day presentation event with the applicants on Oct. 24, 2024, to develop a list of recommendations regarding how the county should allocate lodging tax funds for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) met in an open public meeting Nov. 4, 2024, and

- Reviewed the LTAC members' recommendations
- Provided preliminary approval of the LTAC members' recommendations regarding the projects listed on Exhibit A and directed staff to prepare grant agreements accordingly

WHEREAS, the BOCC has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Lewis County that lodging tax funds be authorized in order to allow the promotion of tourism.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BOCC approves 2025 funding in the amount of up to $1,000,000 for the events / projects listed in Exhibit A (attached); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOCC approves the 2025 tourism contracts for the events / projects listed in Exhibit A.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 17th day of December, 2024.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

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