

Visitor Event Resources

What is a visitor event?

An event occurring in Grants Pass and Josephine County that is of interest to a visitor (someone outside of the community). A visitor is defined as someone who travels 50+ miles or books a hotel room.

Scan here for
full Visitor
Event criteria



Josephine County Fairgrounds

The Josephine County Fairgrounds helps event coordinators find how to reserve parks, advertise resources, and reserve building/event spaces.

Contact

Phone: 541-476-3215

Email: fairgrounds@josephinecounty.gov

City of Grants Pass

Reach out to the City of Grants Pass for helpful resources for planning your event. The process for planning an event within the city limits requires a Special Events Permit. Contact their friendly staff for assistance with your next event.

City Definition of Special Event: Any organized group activity that occurs upon public property and that will affect the ordinary use of public property, public streets, rights-of-way or sidewalks.

When planning an event in a City Park, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department via phone at 541-471-6435 or by email at recreation@grantspassoregon.gov.

The City Manager and staff review many permit applications. Applications shall be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the scheduled event (optimal 60 days).

Contact

Phone: (Admin) 541-450-6000



Scan here for
more about
special event
planning



Visit Grants Pass

Contact us to get your event featured on the Visit Grants Pass, Travel Oregon, and Travel Southern Oregon's websites.

Visit Grants Pass offers industry resources including a newsletter, business & event listings on our website and the Travel Oregon website, business workshops, and updates on grant opportunities.

Contact

Phone: 541-450-6180

Email: griffyn@visitgrantspass.com

Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce

Submit your event listings to the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce to be featured on their event calendar.

Contact

Phone: 541-476-7717

Email: gpcoc@grantspasschamber.org



Grants Pass & Josephine County
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Visitor Event Resources

Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) Grants

Tourism is an important part of the City of Grants Pass' economic success, and as such, the City of Grants Pass designates 12 percent of eligible tourism funds to the Sustainable Tourism Grant program. This program supports promotional activities that will lead to sustainable tourism by attracting tourists and increasing overnight stays. Grants that focus on increasing tourism during off-peak periods, generate economic growth from tourists coming from outside a 50-mile radius, and provide increased economic benefit for local businesses and non-profit organizations are the most competitive. This program has a Summer and Winter cycle dependent upon available funds. Open call for applications will begin in July and January each fiscal year. The grants range from a minimum of \$2,500 to \$5,000. No match is required for the grant.

Some example project areas that will receive priority ranking may include:

- A.** Sustainable events – Events attracting people from outside the area leading to economic growth and potential to occur on a regular cycle (i.e. annually). These may include events in the areas of sport and athletics, arts and culture, food, industry-focused, conference/convention, community-focused celebration, etc.
- B.** Outdoor recreation - hiking, mountain biking, road biking, rafting, trail systems
- C.** Historically significant – museums, architecture, culturally significant sites, honoring historic industry (e.g. logging, mining, railroad, etc.)
- D.** Community-focused – Events unique to the Grants Pass area, highlighting local food and wares, ecology, environment, and biodiversity, connected to the community's culture
- E.** Touring – guides, travel packages, agritourism

Requirements:

- 1.** Grantee must be a registered business or non-profit organization
- 2.** Grantee must be located within the City Limits or Urban Growth Boundary of the City of Grants Pass
- 3.** Expenses must be Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) eligible

Promotional funds focused on:

- 1.** Attracting people from more than 50 miles away; or
- 2.** Leading to overnight stays

Scan here for more about
the Sustainable Tourism
Grant Program

