

2026 Port Angeles Lodging Tax Fund Application

Please review the Port Angeles [Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Funding Work Plan and Procedures](#) prior to completing this form. This guidance will help applicants navigate the questionnaire portion of the application.

New this year: All applicant types (event and non-event) shall complete the 2026 Port Angeles Lodging Tax Fund Application Form. In general, each non-municipal organization should submit one application. A second submission is only required if the organization is requesting both capital funding and operational funding. Operational funding requests should consolidate the organization's annual budget and total request into this application form.

Applicants will be emailed a copy of their completed application upon submittal. This application form must be attached to the remaining application documents and sent to ced@cityofpa.us.

Visit the City of Port Angeles website to view general information about the City's [Lodging Tax Program](#).

If you have any questions regarding this application process or the grant opportunity itself, please contact the Community & Economic Development Department at 360-417-4804 or ced@cityofpa.us.

All applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on October 12, 2025.

Scoring Criteria for Capital Expenditures and Public Facilities Districts – 25 possible points:

1. There is evidence provided that this project will help increase opportunities for sustainable tourism activities.
2. There is evidence provided that the expenditure will encourage visitors to enjoy longer stays and return.
3. The proposal provides a clear timeline for action defined and the proposal reflects enough detail to effectively determine potential for success.
4. The budget provided reflects a clear understanding of the costs associated with this project and there is evidence that this budget is based on market research, structured estimates, or estimates provided by contractors.
5. The proposal will support our local economy through local contracts, retail purchases, or partnerships.

Scoring Criteria for Tourism Marketing, Tourism-related Operations, and Events – 25 possible points:

1. There is evidence provided that the proposal will help increase or sustain opportunities for tourism related activities.
2. There is evidence provided that this organization or proposal will encourage visitors to enjoy longer stays or engage in return visits.
3. The proposal provides clear evidence that this organization can successfully draw tourists and demonstrate a history of high success with similar activities.
4. The proposal clearly reflects how the funds will be used to help sustain a tourism-related business.
5. The project lends itself to the complement of other events in the community and helps create a diversity of opportunities (arts, culture, recreation, education, historic significance, or conference).
6. Bonus (Staff allocated) Operations and efforts are targeting the tourism shoulder season – 3 points or off season – 5 points.

Organization/Agency Name	North Olympic Baseball and Softball
Amount Requesting	30297
Federal Tax ID Number	521225546
Application Contact Name	David Melnick
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Application Contact Phone Number	360-461-6848
Authorized Contract Signatory Name	David Melnich
Authorized Contract Signatory Title	Board President
Authorized Signatory Email	nobas98362@gmail.com
Authorized Contract Signatory Phone Number	3604616848
Annual Budget	92508.75
Percentage of Annual Budget Requested	33
Please provide a brief 2-3 sentence description of your request	In 2026, North Olympic Baseball and Softball (NOBAS) will host the Washington State Cal Ripken tournament for the 9U, 10U, 11U, and 12U age divisions for the second year running. Our organization is requesting \$30,297 to support required and essential elements of the tournament including tournament host fees, tournament officials lodging and per diem, tournament supplies, and funds to support maintenance of the tournament facilities.

Check all categories that apply to this application

Operation and capital expenditures of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by a municipality or a public facilities district	No
Tourism-related marketing	No
The marketing and operations of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists	Yes
Operation of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by nonprofit organizations	No
Check which one of the following	Non-Profit

My application includes the required and optional attached documents

Itemized budget for your organization that includes the highlighted items for your request	Yes
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Description of, and a budget showing, how you intend to use the amount requested from the City of Port Angeles.	Yes
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A copy of your agency's current registration with the Washington Secretary of State	Yes
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(Optional) Brochures or other information about your facility or items showing recent tourism promotion efforts – Limited to 8 pages	No
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Application Questionnaire

Briefly describe your tourism-related operation/facility and what you are requesting lodging tax for.

In 2026, North Olympic Baseball and Softball (NOBAS) will host the Washington State Cal Ripken tournament for the 9U, 10U, 11U, and 12U age divisions for the second year running. The tournament is a highly anticipated annual event, that is expected to bring in over 3,200 attendees, bringing robust business to local hotels, restaurants, and businesses. Our organization is requesting \$30,297 to support required and essential elements of the tournament including tournament host fees, tournament officials lodging and per diem, tournament supplies, and funds to support maintenance of the tournament facilities.

If you have received Lodging Tax Funds in prior years, are you doing anything significant or differently this year?

Last year our organization received funds from the City of Port Angeles lodging tax funds for the same tournament we are requesting funds for this year. The tournament had over 2,700 attendees and partnered with local hotels and restaurants to bring in robust business to the community. Our organization does not plan to make any significant changes this year, rather small adjustments that come with the experience of hosting for a second time. These small changes are projected to bring in more attendees as well, estimating 3,200.

Are you applying for Lodging Tax funds from another jurisdiction?

yes

List the other jurisdiction(s) and amount(s) requested.

Clallam County Lodging Tax fund - \$27,553

Does your Organization/Agency have paid employees?

No

Please describe you target tourist audience (location, demographics, interests etc.)

The target tourist audience for the Northwest Washington Cal Ripken State Tournament encompasses several key demographics:

1. Families with Young Athletes: Our primary audience consists of families with children aged 8-13 who participate in youth baseball programming in Washington State. These families will travel to attend the tournament, often bringing multiple family members along, including siblings and extended relatives.
2. Coaches and Team Officials: Coaches, team managers, and officials will also travel to the tournament. Their presence contributes to the demand for lodging and meals, as they stay for the duration of the event to support their teams and the tournament.
3. Baseball Enthusiasts: This includes friends and relatives of players, as well as local baseball fans who are interested in watching the tournament. Their attendance will not only support the teams but also enhance the overall spectator experience. By targeting these audiences, we aim to maximize attendance and support for the tournament, ultimately driving increased lodging, dining, and retail activity in the community. This diverse visitor demographic will significantly benefit local businesses and help promote our region as a vibrant destination for youth sports events.

What are your organization's marketing strategies and business goals?

The Northwest Washington Cal Ripken State Tournament is an annual event, with teams competing to be the first in their division and a chance to take their team all the way to the World Series. This passion and drive for the sport they love brings families year in and year out, resulting in a long-standing tournament, with families traveling from all over Washington to participate in the four-day event each year. To effectively market the state tournament and attract tourists, NOBAS will implement a multi-faceted marketing strategy that includes the following components:

1. Targeted Marketing Campaigns: NOBAS will create targeted marketing

campaigns utilizing social media and local press releases to reach families, coaches, and baseball enthusiasts. Highlighting the tournament's beautiful location and facilities will draw attention.

2. **Engaging Content Creation:** NOBAS will develop engaging content, such as videos, testimonials, and blog posts showcasing our past tournament and highlighting the upcoming tournament, local attractions, and the benefits of visiting the area. This content can be shared across multiple platforms to generate interest.

3. **Incentives for Participants:** Offering incentives such as discounted hotel rates and local business coupons for families attending the tournament will encourage participation and enhance the overall experience, making it more appealing for out-of-town visitors.

4. **Event Partnerships and Sponsorships:** We will seek partnerships with local businesses and sponsors to create promotional materials, such as flyers and banners, that can be distributed throughout the region. This collaboration will help build community support and increase visibility.

5. **Highlighting Local Attractions:** We will promote local attractions and recreational activities alongside the tournament schedule. Providing information on nearby restaurants, businesses, and family-friendly activities will encourage visitors to extend their stay.

By implementing these strategies, NOBAS can effectively promote the state tournament, attract tourists, and contribute to the local economy.

Please describe how your operation lends support to a diverse range of tourism activities, which will encourage visitors to enjoy longer stays and return often.

Our tournament supports a diverse range of tourism activities that encourage visitors to extend their stays and return frequently by creating a multi-day event that benefits the broader community. The four-day youth baseball tournament attracts families, coaches, and fans from outside the region, generating a significant influx of overnight visitors who utilize local hotels, short-term rentals, and campgrounds. Beyond lodging, these visitors engage with a wide variety of local businesses throughout their stay. Families dine at nearby restaurants, coffee shops, and grocery stores, while the tournament itself features local food vendors, ensuring that a large portion of spending remains within the community. Between games, guests often explore the area—visiting parks, beaches, shops, and attractions—broadening their experience beyond the tournament and discovering what the county has to offer. Local businesses are encouraged to participate through sponsorships, special promotions, and vendor opportunities, fostering community engagement and collaboration. This not only boosts the local economy during the event but also builds lasting connections that encourage families to return for future tournaments and vacations.

Additionally, the event provides valuable marketing exposure for the region. Families who enjoy a positive and well-supported experience are more likely to plan future visits, recommend the destination to others, and explore additional recreational opportunities such as outdoor adventures, local festivals, and cultural attractions. By drawing visitors for multiple days, promoting local dining and retail, and highlighting the area's amenities, the tournament serves as a catalyst for sustained tourism growth. It showcases the community as a welcoming, family-friendly destination where visitors can enjoy sports, local culture, and the natural beauty of the region—all of which inspire longer stays and repeat visits.

Does your organization promote tourism that highlights Port Angeles assets – its natural beauty, geology, outdoor activities, anthropology, community events, lifelong learning opportunities, history, culture, and the arts?

Yes

Please describe how this promotion is accomplished.

The Northwest Washington Cal Ripken state tournament is held at Lincoln Park, highlighting one of our beautiful parks and showcasing the dedicated work of Port Angeles City employees to maintaining city property. In addition, the tournament highlights the diverse range of outdoor activities, most commonly that being

exploring the national park, but by offering a youth baseball tournament we are showcasing the diverse range of outdoor activities the community can offer and putting us on the map for youth sporting events. Lastly, this event is a whole community effort, with partnerships that include the city government, local volunteer groups, and local businesses coming together to support the event.

Does your organization support efforts to improve information on existing City of Port Angeles tourist attractions and facilities?

Yes

Please describe the support you lend to this improved information.

By holding the tournament at an existing facility in Port Angeles, Lincoln Park, which hosts not only baseball and softball fields but also hosts a top rated disco golf course and BMX track, the diverse range of outdoor activities in the community are advertised.

Describe how your request will promote existing lodging establishments, restaurants, and businesses located in the City of Port Angeles. Please be specific.

Our request will directly promote existing lodging establishments, restaurants, and businesses in the City of Port Angeles by building on the proven success of the 2025 Northwest Washington Cal Ripken State Tournament, which brought more than 2,750 visitors to the community. Families, coaches, and fans stayed in Port Angeles for up to four days, filling local hotels, motels, short-term rentals, and campgrounds. The Red Lion Hotel in Port Angeles served as our host hotel, accommodating many teams and their families while highlighting the city's quality lodging options and hospitality.

To ensure that visitor spending stayed within the community, NOBAS partnered with local restaurants and food vendors to offer food at the tournament site—including Southern Nibble, Aloha Smoothies, Drake Pizza and Subs, and El Taco Loco—to serve attendees throughout the tournament. Families also dined at nearby restaurants, coffee shops, and grocery stores, boosting sales across the local dining sector. A local family-run business managed merchandise sales, and the Northwest Rotary Club operated concessions and an information booth, keeping event operations locally rooted.

The opening ceremony, held in partnership with the Port Angeles Lefties at Civic Field, promoted one of the city's attractions and encouraged families to attend a hometown baseball game, while also driving up merchandise and concession sales. For the 2026 tournament, NOBAS plans to continue partnerships with the Red Lion as our host hotel along with the same local food establishments, while also expanding to include additional Port Angeles businesses. This event strengthens the city's business community, promotes its lodging and dining options, and enhances its reputation as a welcoming, family-friendly destination—encouraging visitors to extend their stays and return year after year.

Is your organization partnering or cooperating with other local businesses and tourism-related organizations?

Yes

Please describe this partnership and coordination.

Our tournament will feature local food and beverage vendors on site, community support from local volunteer organizations, and a vital partnership with the City of Port Angeles to keep tournament facilities in excellent condition.

Describe how your request will create partnerships and synergies with existing City of Port Angeles organizations to develop and promote attractions and events for visitors.

Our request will continue to strengthen partnerships and build new synergies with City of Port Angeles organizations to develop and promote high-quality events that attract visitors and showcase our community. The success of the 2025 Northwest Washington Cal Ripken State Tournament was made possible through close collaboration among local partners, each contributing to a memorable and well-run experience for attendees.

The City of Port Angeles Parks and Recreation Department played a vital role in the tournament's success by maintaining the fields at Lincoln Park in immaculate

condition throughout the event. Their dedication and professionalism ensured that teams and families enjoyed top-quality facilities—something repeatedly praised in attendee feedback and cited as a highlight of their experience in Port Angeles. Our partnership with the Port Angeles Lefties was another cornerstone of the event. Together, we hosted an opening ceremony at Civic Field that celebrated community pride and introduced visitors to one of the city's signature attractions. The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe provided a meaningful land acknowledgment and welcoming during the ceremony, honoring the cultural heritage of the region and creating a powerful, respectful start to the tournament.

Community service organizations also played a major role. The Northwest Rotary Club operated the information booth and concession stand, providing both volunteer support and a warm, helpful presence for visiting families. Their involvement strengthened local engagement and demonstrated the strong volunteer spirit that defines Port Angeles.

These partnerships highlight the collaborative energy within the city and the shared goal of promoting Port Angeles as a vibrant, family-friendly destination. By continuing and expanding these collaborations for the 2026 tournament, our request will help strengthen community ties, enhance visitor experiences, and promote the city as a premier location for youth sports and tourism events.

Describe your event/s in a brief 2-3 sentence narrative.	The Northwest Washington Cal Ripken State tournament is a four day stay and play tournament that will host an expected 48 teams in four age divisions, 9U, 10U, 11U, and 12U, at the Lincoln Park baseball fields. The tournament will feature a robust game schedule, on site local food and beverage offerings, tournament merchandise from a local family, and volunteers provided by community organizations. The event will begin with an opening ceremony and end with championship games in all divisions.
Is your organization proposing a new event?	No
Are there changes proposed to your event/s next year?	There are no significant changes proposed for next year's event, only small operational changes that come with the knowledge of hosting an event for the second year.
Is there a host hotel for your event?	Yes
Will the event necessitate the obstruction or use of the public right-of-way, public utility hookups and/or Police or Fire assistance?	No
What date/s is/are your event/s being held	July 8 – July 11, 2026

Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee Reporting

Based on State-mandated reporting, please complete items A through F below. If this is a request from an organization that did not submit an application in 2025, put answer "N/A." Please include the anticipated number of people for 2026.

A requirement of the award reimbursement is the tracking of these lodging statistics.

A. Overall attendance at your proposed event/activity/facility.

2025 (Previous Year) 2750

2026 (Proposed Year) 3200

Methodology used for the count AI placer and Registration

B. Number of people who will travel more than 50 miles for your event/activity.

2025 (Previous Year) 1990

2026 (Proposed Year) 2650

Methodology used for the count AI Placer, Registration

C. Of the people who travel more than 50 miles, the number of people who will travel from another country or state.

2025 (Previous Year) Unknown

2026 (Proposed Year) 50

Methodology used for the count Registration

D. Of the people who travel more than 50 miles, the number of people who will stay overnight in Port Angeles or the Port Angeles area.

2025 (Previous Year) 1990

2026 (Proposed Year) 2650

Methodology used for the count AI Placer, Registration

E. Of the people staying overnight, the number of people who will stay in PAID accommodations (hotel/motel/bed-breakfast/short term rental) in Port Angeles or Port Angeles area.

2025 (Previous Year) 1990

2026 (Proposed Year) 2650

Methodology used for the count AI Placer, Registration

F. Number of paid lodging room nights resulting from your proposed event. (example: 25 paid rooms on Friday and 50

paid rooms on Saturday = 75 paid lodging room nights)

2025 (Previous Year)	8955
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2026 (Proposed Year)	11,925
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Methodology used for the count	AI placer, Registration
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Signature and Certification

I am an authorized agent of the organization/agency applying for funding. I have read the application instructions and understand that:

- I am proposing a tourism-related service for 2026. If awarded, my organization intends to enter into a Municipal Services Contract with the City of Port Angeles; provide liability insurance for the duration of the contract naming the City as additional insured and in an amount determined by the City; and file for a permit to use City property, if applicable.
- The City of Port Angeles will only reimburse those costs actually incurred by my organization/agency and only after the service is rendered, paid for if provided by a third party, and a signed Request for Reimbursement Form (or other form acceptable to the City) has been submitted to the City, including copies of invoices and payment documentation.
- My agency will be required to submit a report documenting economic impact results in a format determined by the City.
- This application will become a public record in addition to all information attached to this application and information may be distributed to members of the public upon request.

As a condition of this application for funding if any funding is provided by the City of Port Angeles using lodging tax funds, I agree to provide all written reports required by the City in accordance with the reporting deadlines established by the City.

Any funding that is received through this program requires awardees to cite the City of Port Angeles as a funding partner on any website or promotional materials.

This signature is also acknowledgment of reading and understanding, in its entirety, the application instructions, and your responsibilities as a grant applicant and recipient.

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury in the state of Washington, that this application contains no willful misrepresentation and that the information given is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am aware that should investigation at any time disclose any such is representation or falsification, my application may be rejected, and my name may be removed from consideration.

By affixing your signature in the box below, you agree that such signature will be the electronic representation of your signature to be valid and binding upon you for all purposes when you (or your agent) affix below, including on legally binding contracts, just the same as a hand-written signature.

Name of Applicant David Melnick

Date 10/11/2026

Signature



Next Steps

Once you have hit the "submit" button, your application will be sent to the entry for "Application Contact Email." To complete your submission, please combine the selected required and optional attachments with the application and send to ced@cityofpa.us as an attachment. The subject line for the application submission must be "2026 LTAX Fund Application - [Organization]".

To be eligible for consideration, your complete proposal must be received in the ced@cityofpa.us email by the October 12, 2025 deadline.

If you have not receive confirmation of your submission within two business days, please contact the Community & Economic Development Department at 360-417-4750. The date will be honored for any application that is found in the City's quarantine or junk mail. If your application is deemed by City staff to be ineligible for review, you will be notified in a timely manner.

The Committee will review proposals in a public meeting on Thursday, November 13, to determine funding recipients and levels of funding.

Please whitelist the ced@cityofpa.us email to ensure that you receive any updates related to application review and meeting details.

The budget attached represents all the elements that are essential to operating the tournament at the high caliber our community would expect. These elements are either required, necessary for facilitation, or requested from partner agencies.

The City of Port Angeles Lodging Tax funds would support the 2026 Northwest Washington Cal Ripken State Tournament by funding several essential components including tournament host fees, tournament officials lodging and per diem, tournament supplies, and the maintenance of tournament facilities.

The tournament host fees are paid to Washington Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Baseball. The host pays \$750 per age division in the tournament, 9U, 10U, 11U, and 12U, totaling \$3,000 being requested for host fees.

A requirement of hosting the tournament is to provide both lodging and per diem for the tournament officials for the duration of the tournament. The tournament officials included two state commissioners and one umpire in chief. Our organization is budgeting for \$250 per night, per official for lodging, totaling \$3,000. In addition to lodging, we have budgeted \$75 per day per official, totaling \$900. We are requesting the amount of \$3,900 for tournament official lodging and per diem.

A total of \$3,597 is being requested for tournament supplies. These items include score books, pencils, dry erase boards and markers, tables and shade covers for score keepers, various office supplies, the tournament software, and baseballs. Baseball are calculated at \$7 a ball, with 3 balls per game and an anticipated 92 games to be played.

Lastly, we are requesting \$19,800 to support maintenance of the tournament facilities. This includes an estimated \$6,000 for portable toilets and handwashing stations, which supports the influx of thousands of visitors to the park. In this section we have also budgeted for field maintenance, \$150 per game, which covers the wages of the City of Port Angeles employees who maintain the fields in between each game.

Expenses

Tournament Host Fees

Cal Ripken 9U Division Fee	\$750.00
Cal Ripken 10U Division Fee	\$750.00
Cal Ripken 11U Division Fee	\$750.00
Cal Ripken 12U Division Fee	\$750.00
Total	\$3,000.00

Tournament Officials

Cal Ripken Commissioners Lodging	\$2,000.00	Two commissioners
Cal Ripken Umpire in Chief Lodging	\$1,000.00	
Cal Ripken Commissioners Per Diem	\$600.00	\$75 per day per official
Cal Ripken Umpire in Chief Per Diem	\$300.00	
Total	\$3,900.00	

Umpires - 2-man teams for all games

Cal Ripken Umpires 92 games; \$225 per game	\$20,700.00	
Umpire Coordinator/Administration Fee (10%)	\$2,070.00	
Lodging	\$15,000.00	15 Umpires, \$250 per night
Per Diem	\$4,500.00	\$75 per day
Total	\$42,270.00	

Tournament Facilities

Field Maintenance	\$13,800.00	\$150 per game
Portable Toilets plus handwashing	\$6,000.00	
Totals	\$19,800.00	

Tournament Supplies

Babe Ruth Tourney Machine	\$125.00	
Cal Ripken Tourney Machine	\$250.00	
Mechanical pencils	\$15.00	
white boards & dry erase markers	\$75.00	
Tables & shade covers	\$1,000.00	
Office Supplies (Paper, Postage, Binders, Printing, etc)	\$200.00	
Cal Ripken Baseballs	\$1,932.00	3 balls per game, 92 games, \$7 per ball
Total	\$3,597.00	

Tournament Gifts

Cal Ripken Swag bags	\$3,120.00	12 teams per division/4 divisions/13 players per team/\$5 per bag
Cal Ripken Swag items	\$4,992.00	\$8 per bag for items
First place rings (\$23)	\$1,380.00	First place/15 rings/4 teams
Medals (\$10)	\$600.00	Second place/15 medals/4 teams
Total	\$10,092.00	

City LTAC Request \$30,297.00

Total Tournament Expenses \$82,659.00

Tournament Revenue	
Team Registration	\$36,000.00
Fairgrounds Camping	\$500.00
Revenue Total	\$36,500.00

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name:

NORTH OLYMPIC YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL - AMERICAN

UBI Number:

601 823 538

Business Type:

WA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Business Status:

ACTIVE

Principal Office Street Address:

177 BOULDER RD, PORT ANGELES, WA, 98363-8689, UNITED STATES

Principal Office Mailing Address:

PO BOX 1810, PORT ANGELES, WA, 98362-0096, UNITED STATES

Expiration Date:

09/30/2026

Jurisdiction:

UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON

Formation/ Registration Date:

09/17/1974

Period of Duration:

PERPETUAL

Inactive Date:

Nature of Business:

ATHLETIC, TO TEACH, THROUGH YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL, THE IDEALS OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.

Charitable Corporation:



Nonprofit EIN:

52-1225546

Most Recent Gross Revenue is less than \$500,000:



Has Members:



Public Benefit Designation:



Host Home:



REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION

Registered Agent Name:

TREASURER

Street Address:

177 BOULDER RD, PORT ANGELES, WA, 98363-8689, UNITED STATES

Mailing Address:

PO BOX 1810, PORT ANGELES, WA, 98362-0096, UNITED STATES

GOVERNORS

Title	Governors Type	Entity Name	First Name	Last Name
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		RILEY	SHEA
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		NICOLE	KIMZEY
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		DAVID	MELNICK
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		JENESSA	BALCH