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**SPRINGFIELD REQUESTING PROPOSALS FOR
COMMUNITY PROJECTS
TO BE FUNDED BY ROOM TAX**

The City of Springfield is requesting proposals for projects to enhance tourism activities, sports, and cultural attractions in the Springfield community, especially those that generate additional economic activity and bring overnight guests to town. The City will fund the projects with one-time allocations from its Room Tax Fund.

Springfield has an estimated \$60,000 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 in its Room Tax Fund. The money is a share of the tax paid by those to stay in hotel and motel rooms in Springfield and Lane County.

Public or private non-profit organizations in Springfield, looking for financial assistance with capital projects, activities, or events that will directly generate more overnight guests, are encouraged to contact the City for an application packet. The City must receive completed applications by no later than **5:00 p.m. Monday, April 21, 2008.**

If funded, organizations are required to provide written reports back to the City Council on how the funds were spent, how the project developed, and how the project's materials publicized the Springfield community.

The City's Room Tax Advisory Committee will review and screen proposals using selection criteria included in the application materials, then recommend projects to the Budget Committee and City Council for final approval.

For information: contact Courtney Griesel, Economic Development Planner, (541)736-7132, fax-(541)726-2363

What: Request for Room Tax Fund proposals

When: Applications due by Monday, April 21, 2008

Where: Springfield City Manager's Office
225 Fifth Street