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HCTDA 1% Grant Workshops To Be Held in January

Haywood County, NC – Now that 2014 is here, the time to submit applications for 1% grant funding for 2014-2015 through the Haywood County TDA is right around the corner. If you are planning to submit, please take note of the following information:

As in the past, attendance of a grant funding workshop will be required by at least one person for each organization that plans to submit an application.

During the month of January, there will be two opportunities to attend grant funding workshops:

- Tuesday, January 14th at 10:00am
- Thursday, January 16th at 2:00pm

Both workshops will be held at Lake Junaluska's Harrell Center in room 202.

If you are interested in submitting an application, you must attend one of the two workshops. Attendance is **MANDATORY** for your application to be considered. Even if you attended in the past, you are still required to be at one of the two workshops. Important information will be provided that will benefit you during the application process and the HCTDA can answer any questions or concerns you may have.

For more information on the grant funding process, visit the HCTDA's website at http://haywoodcountytourismdevelopment.com/grants-info/.

HCTDA 1% Timeline for 2014

Grants are valid between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015

January 14th & 16th, 2014

Mandatory Grant Workshops, 10:00am, Tuesday, January 14th, <u>or</u> 2:00pm, Thursday, January 16th, Room 202, Harrell Center, Lake Junaluska, for all who are interested in submitting applications. You must attend <u>one</u> of these workshops in order for your application to be considered for funding.

February 27th, 2014

1% Applications must be submitted to the appropriate designated subcommittee location by 5:00pm. <u>Any applications received after the deadline will not be considered for funding.</u>

March 21st, 2014

TDA will notify grant applicants of Subcommittee recommendations. Should a grant applicant choose to make an appeal of the Subcommittee recommendation, the applicant must contact the appropriate Subcommittee Chair to request an appeal no later than **March 26th**.

April 15th, 2014

TDA Finance Committee will meet to review Subcommittee recommendations and determine grant recommendations to send to the TDA Board for consideration.

April 16th, 2014

Annual Budget Forum – HCTDA will consider requests for grants. The Budget Forum Meeting will be held at 3:00pm at the Lake Junaluska Bethea Welcome Center.

April 23rd, 2014

The HCTDA budget will be reviewed and adopted to include the approved grant requests.

Subcommittee Drop Off Locations

28716 – Canton Town Hall – closes at 4:00pm

28721 - Clyde Town Hall

28745 – Lake Junaluska, Bethea Welcome Center

28751 – Maggie Valley Town Hall

28785/86 – Waynesville Town Hall

If you have questions, please contact the Haywood County Tourism Development Authority at 828-452-0152.

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