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Human Services Funding Collaborative

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2025-2026 Renton Human Services Funding application opens in March

The City of Renton collaborates with 15 other cities in a joint application process for allocating human services funding. This collaboration, known as the Human Services Funding Collaborative (HSFC), includes the cities of Auburn, Bellevue, Burien, Covington, Des Moines, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, and Tukwila.

The city has allocated \$812,000 in annual funding for 2025-2026, the same amount as in the previous funding cycle.

The application is open to organizations and non-profits that serve Renton by providing the following:

- **Basic Needs:** Food, clothing, housing stability services (such as rent and/or utility assistance), legal services, and meal programs.
- **Connector Services:** Information and referral, transportation, advocacy, case management, cultural navigators, and other services that connect residents to services.
- **Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Services:** Services related to sexual assault and domestic violence, including legal assistance and shelter.
- **Economic Opportunity/Self Sufficiency:** Job training involving programs that help individuals with barriers to employment or other forms of economic opportunity, youth programs, mentoring, and after-school programs.
- **Health and Wellness:** Physical, mental, and dental health services, counseling, therapy, day health programs, and chore services.
- **Homeless Services/Housing:** Shelters, homeless outreach, transitional housing, and emergency housing.

Applications will be available on March 4 via the [online portal Share1App](#) hosted by the City of Redmond. There will be a tentatively scheduled workshop to support organizations through the application process on March 4 and March 5. Applications must be submitted via the online portal on April 8. To receive notifications about the application process, please email share1appquestions@gmail.com.

To be considered for Renton funding, agencies must meet the following criteria:

- Address one of Renton's funding priorities mentioned above.
- Submit a complete application, including all attachments. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted or reviewed.
- Meet the [minimum insurance requirements](#) if awarded funds.
- Execute a contract with the city and be able to accept reimbursement for funds.
- Regularly track and submit required reports concerning services, outcomes, and demographics.

Once submitted, the city's Human Services Advisory Committee, consisting of 11 appointed volunteers, will review and evaluate all applications. The Committee will rate proposals within each priority area based on program

description, impact, accessibility, and budget. Funding recommendations will depend on the Committee scores, discussion, funding availability, and final approval by the Renton City Council. The awarded amount for individual programs may differ from the requested amount in the application.

Agencies will be notified of funding recommendations in the fall of 2024, with the fiscal and program year commencing on January 1, 2025.

For questions, please reach out to [the city's Human Services Division](#).



Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center closed due to water leak

The recent cold temperatures unfortunately affected the Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center, causing a water leak over the weekend. The facility was closed Tuesday, January 16, through Wednesday, January 17, to repair the Fire Suppression System and test the repairs.

Inspections must be completed for public safety before the center can open, but an inspection date has not yet been confirmed. Please check social media or visit the [Current Emergency Information webpage](#) for updates.



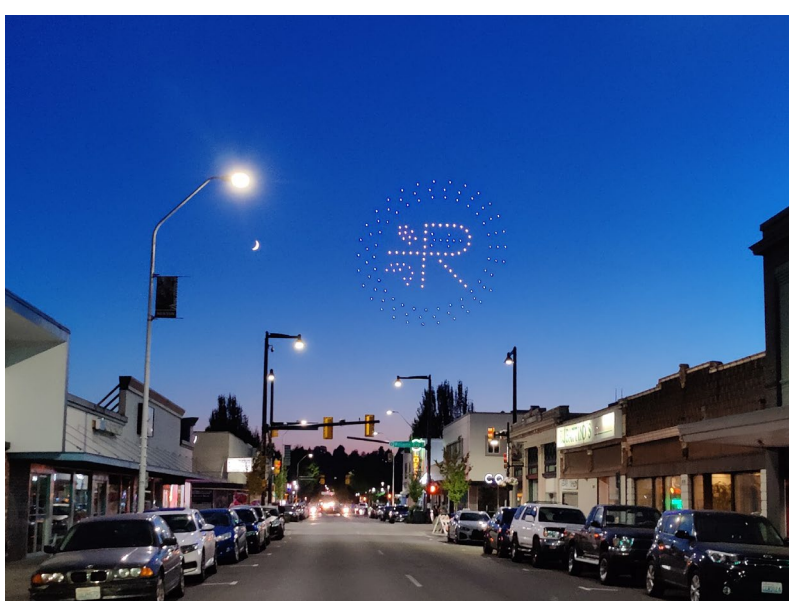
New venue location for Pongal celebration; Moved to Renton Community Center

With the closure of Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center this week due to the recent water leak, the community Pongal event has moved to the Renton Community Center this weekend.

Pongal is an event hosted by residents who are part of the Tamil community. The Tamil community invites Renton to celebrate the free Pongal Harvest Festival on Saturday, January 20, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. in the banquet room at the Renton Community Center.

Pongal is a joyous celebration of the bounties of the harvest and a spirit of togetherness cherished by the Tamil people. Enjoy traditional music, games, art displays, and dance performances, including performances by the UW Youth Band.

For more information about the celebration, please contact pngalRH@gmail.com.



2024 LTAC-funded applicants bring a diversified range of events to Renton

During last week's Committee of the Whole, Community Economic Development (CED) presented [allocation details of the 2024 Lodging Tax Funding to council](#).

For 2024, 21 applications, including five new proposals, were submitted before the application process concluded on October 23, 2023. The awarded total funds amounted to \$447,500. Notably, eight new project proposals and applications were received from three organizations that had never previously applied for or received funding.

The selected events reflect diverse activities, including cultural celebrations, niche-focused conventions, professional networking events, and public festivals. These events offer an exciting opportunity for Renton to boost tourism and introduce new experiences for residents. The scheduled events for this year include:

- City events through Parks and Recreation Department: Renton Rivers Day, Renton Farmers Market, and Winter Lights
- A series of events hosted by AmPowering, including the North America Fashion Week, Global Women Festival, and Festival of Lights
- Polynesian Festival hosted by Emerald Dynasty Entertainment
- Renton City Retro hosted by HighSchool.gg
- Rising Stars of Melody & Movement, sponsored by House of Kala
- KingConNW hosted by Northwest Entertainment Alliance
- Women of Color Wellbeing, Wealth & Worth hosted by the Professional Women of Color Network Retreat
- Celebrity Golf Tournament hosted by the Randall Morris Foundation
- Renton King County Justice Alliance hosts a Black History Month Festival and Juneteenth Celebration
- Return to Renton Car Show
- Tagore Festival hosted by Sadhana & Voice of Planet
- WA Black Owned Business Excellence (BOBE) hosts the BOBE Business Symposium

The City of Renton's Lodging Tax Fund is the primary source of city funding for activities, operations, and expenditures designed to increase tourism. This fund, generated through a 1% tax on hotel, motel, and other lodging-related sales, is earmarked for programs dedicated to promoting tourism. As outlined in the Revised Code of Washington, recipients are required to target tourists from at least 50 miles away, stimulate overnight stays in Renton, and contribute to the city's economic growth.

Renton City Council has created a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) to conduct an annual process to solicit and recommend Lodging Tax-funded services for City Council consideration.

The next round of funding will be available for events occurring in 2025. Applications for the 2025 funding round will open in late summer.

For tips on how to apply for future funding, [visit the Lodging Tax Grant Program webpage](#) and [watch the video](#).



The weather isn't getting any warmer. How to prepare and stay informed when cold weather strikes

We may have escaped a major snow and ice storm last weekend, but winter weather is in full effect. Keep these reminders stored safe for the next winter event.

City Website and Social Media: The [city's website](#) and [social media platforms](#) will regularly update the latest news on weather-related service changes and resources. Check the city's website and follow their social media accounts for real-time information.

Streets and Road Condition Maintenance: In a snowstorm, plows will work four staggered 12-hour shifts to keep plows on the roads 24 hours a day. Primary and secondary arterials will be prioritized before neighborhoods. Trucks are assigned to a specific location in the city and follow a [priority mapping system](#) for that area.

Republic Services: If garbage and recyclables are missed due to hazardous conditions, Republic Services will collect them on Saturday (weather permitting), and organics will be picked up on the next collection day.

City Facilities: Facilities managed by our Parks and Recreation Department operate on the same snow schedules as Renton School District. Affected facilities include Renton Community Center, Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center, and Highlands Neighborhood Center.

Human Services and Additional Local Resources: A variety of local and regional human services, including services providing meals, shelters, and transportation, can be found on [the city's Human Services Division webpage](#). In addition to local partners, including:

- [Renton Salvation Army \(Community supper\)](#)
- [King County Regional Homeless Authority \(Additional severe weather shelters\)](#)
- [Center of Hope \(Emergency shelters\)](#)

The safety and well-being of our community is a collective effort. Let's stay informed, take necessary precautions, and support one another during this winter weather period. For the latest updates and information, visit [the city's current emergency information webpage](#).



Around Renton

Free Museum Days – First Wednesday and third Saturday monthly, [Renton History Museum](#) (235 Mill Ave. S), 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

January 19 – [Paint 'n Pour](#), Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy), 6:30-8:30 p.m. 21+. Happy hour pricing: \$45 (Increases to \$55 on February 26).

February 7 – [National Girls & Women in Sports Day Celebration](#), Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave N, 6-9 p.m. Tickets: \$15.

February 16 – [Shooting Star Soiree Family Dance](#), Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy), 6-8 p.m. Registration required.

March 1 – [Paint 'n Pour](#), Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy), 6:30-8:30 p.m. 21+. Happy hour pricing: \$45 (Increases to \$55 on February 26).

March 17 – [New Voices, New Music: Renton City Concert Band Spring Concert](#), Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center (400 S 2nd St.), 2 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$13, Students/Seniors \$10.

In other news this week



Below is a recap of the news posted on the city's social media accounts. Find us (@cityofrenton) on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). Renton residents can also find us on [Nextdoor](#).

[988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#)

[Arts in Renton](#)

[City Council](#) (agendas, documents, and meeting video)

[Neighborhood Program](#)

[Park Projects](#)

[Pet Microchipping](#) (free for Renton residents)

[Rainier Avenue South Phase 4](#) construction project

[Recreation Guide](#) (classes, activities, leagues, and events for January through April)

[Report issues via Renton Responds](#)

[Street Maintenance Winter Preparation](#)

[Traffic Construction Projects](#)