



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SUMMIT COUNTY RESTAURANT TAX GRANTS**

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**Summit County, Utah ---** Organizations in Summit County wishing to be considered for a 2011 Summit County Restaurant Tax grant should warm up their pens! Application forms will be available on **Tuesday, March 1, 2011** and completed applications will be due back on **Thursday, March 31, 2011**.

The application form includes a letter detailing what kinds of projects and organizations are eligible to apply, instructions for how to submit an application and a description of the criteria and the process which the Advisory Committee uses.

**Forms will be available online at [www.summitcounty.org/services/grants.php](http://www.summitcounty.org/services/grants.php)**

Printed forms will also be available at the County Courthouse in Coalville, Kamas County Services Building, and the Summit County library located in the Sheldon Richins Summit County Building.

The Summit County Restaurant Tax grant program distributes revenues generated from a 1% tax levied on all restaurant sales in Summit County. The program has been in existence since 1992 when first authorized by the State Legislature and the Summit County Commissioners. **The primary purpose of this funding is to promote tourism and or tourism related public facilities as set out by the state statute and the Summit County Council. If you are applying for funds for tourism promotion, it must be by a governmental entity, governmental subdivision or nonprofit organization and be designed to bring in tourists (preferably overnight) from outside Summit County.**

Since its inception, the program has benefited the communities of Summit County and the tourism industry, which is the statutory beneficiary of the tax. Last year using the funds generated by this tax, the Summit County Council awarded \$ 1.5 million dollars to non-profit and governmental organizations in Summit County. Since its creation, the revenue generated by this fund has been distributed to hundreds of different projects throughout the County. Approximately 26% of the funds have gone to cultural arts and history facilities for promotion; 24% to recreation facilities promotional needs and trails; 50% to tourism and convention promotional needs and related facilities.

The Committee will be chaired by Monty Coates from Snyderville; co-chair is Jeanne Lehan, Oakley. Committee members include Tonja Hanson, Kamas; Eileen Dunn, Kamas; Brooke Hontz, Park City; Jodie Rogers, Snyderville; John Burdick, Park City; Judi Schweikert, Park City; Jodie Coleman, Coalville. Anita Lewis of the County Council's office will assist the committee in its work.