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Public can submit proposals for Marine Passenger Fee proceeds starting Dec. 4

Every year, the City and Borough of Juneau asks city departments and the public, including businesses and the visitor industry, for project proposals to be funded with Marine Passenger Fee proceeds. This year, proposals can be submitted December 4, 2023 through January 3, 2024.

Juneau voters in 1999 passed a proposition that assigned a tax of \$5 per cruise ship passenger. The fee assists in funding projects or operational services that provide services to cruise ships and passengers, and mitigate community impacts created by the cruise ship industry.

Proposals must be submitted by January 3, 2024 to <u>alexandra.pierce@juneau.gov</u> or the City Manager's Office, attention Alexandra Pierce, 155 Heritage Way, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

The Tourism Manager will develop a draft recommendation list of projects to be funded by Marine Passenger Fee proceeds, followed by a 30-day public comment period. All Marine Passenger Fee project proposals and comments will be forwarded along with the City Manager's recommendation list to the Assembly Finance Committee for review, and then to the Assembly for consideration during the upcoming budget cycle.

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For more information, contact Tourism Manager Alexandra Pierce at 586-5240 or alexandra.pierce@juneau.gov, or go to the Marine Passenger Fee Program webpage.