## NOTICE OF MEETING

CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS WILL HOLD A MEETING ON:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019<br>3:00 P.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR 4601 PADRE BOULEVARD, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS

1. Call to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public announcements and comments: This is an opportunity for citizens to speak to the Special Events Committee relating to agenda or non-agenda items. Speakers are required to address the Special Events Committee at the podium and give their name before addressing their concerns. (Note: State law will not permit the Committee to discuss, debate or consider items that are not on the agenda. Citizen comments may be referred to Convention and Visitors Bureau staff or may be placed on the agenda of a future Special Events Committee meeting).
4. Consent Agenda:
a. Approve meeting minutes from March 6, 2019, regular meeting.
b. Approve excused absence for Committee Members Tomas Saenz and Alexandra Brotzman for March 6, 2019, regular meeting.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding the following special event funding applications and recommendation to Convention and Visitors Advisory Board for approval:
a. Shallow Sport Tournament
b. Wahoo Fishing Tournament
c. JJ Zapata Fishing Tournament
d. Zombie Charge
e. SPI Triathlon
f. Mariachi Run
g. Veterans' Day Weekend
h. Holiday Lights over Padre Weekend
i. HalloWings
6. Discussion and possible action to approve the funding request for AIRSHOW 2019. (Amaya)
7. Discussion and possible action to approve the funding request for the SandCastle Trail Maintenance. (Amaya)
8. Discussion and possible action to approve the funding request for Fishing's Future. (Amaya)
9. Discussion and possible action regarding Special Event funding categories. (Till)
10. Discussion and possible action regarding Special Event tiers. (Till)
11. Discussion regarding communication of Special Events to local stakeholders. (Till)
12. Discussion and possible action regarding UTRGV Special Event surveys. (Amaya)
13. Discussion and possible action concerning setting next Special Events Committee meeting date.
14. Adjournment.

DATED THIS THE 5th DAY OF APRIL 2019.


I, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE NOTICE OF MEETING FOR THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF SAID NOTICE AND THAT I POSTED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF SAID NOTICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE CITY HALL/MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON_April 5, 2019, at/or before 5:00 P.M. AND REMAINED SO POSTED CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRECEDING
 DULED TIME OF SAID MEETING.


THERE MAY BE ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENTION AND VISITORS ADVISORY BOARD ATTENDING THIS MEETING, AND IF SO, THIS STATEMENT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS OR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT BUILDING OFFICIAL DAVID TRAVIS; ADA RESPONSIBLE PARTY AT (956) 761-8103.

## CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND ADVISORY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019

## ITEM DESCRIPTION

NOTE: All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Special EventsAdvisory Board of the City of South Padre Island and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items, unless discussion is desired, in which case that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Items to be considered are:
a. Approve meeting minutes from March 6, 2019, regular meeting.
b. Approve excused absence for Committee Members Tomas Saenz and Alexandra Brotzman for March 6, 2019, regular meeting.

## RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Approve Consent Agenda

# MINUTES <br> CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING 

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

## I. CALL TO ORDER.

The Special Events Committee of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Chairman Sean Till called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present: Vice-Chairman Doyle Wells, Lisa Graves, Sean Slovisky, and Cody Pace. Absent was Tomas Saenz and Alexandra Brotzman.

City Council Members: Ken Medders and Kerry Schwartz.
CVA Board Members: Tom Goodman and Bob Friedman
Staff: Interim City Manager Randy Smith, Interim CVB Director Michael Flores, Executive Services Specialist Rosa Zapata, Events \& Packaging Manager Marisa Amaya.

## II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairman Till led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

No public comments were given at this time.
IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION AND POLICIES.

Chairman Till made the motion, seconded by Committee Member Slovisky, to table this agenda item.
Motion carried unanimously by those present.

## V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING UTRGV MARKETING INTERNS.

Vice-Chairman Wells made the motion, seconded by Committee Member Graves to approve funding in the amount of $\$ 4,500$ for the UTRGV Marketing Program through May 2019. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

## VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL EVENT FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION TO CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S ADVISORY BOARD FOR APPROVAL:

## a. TIFT

Committee Member Wells made the motion, seconded by Committee Member Slovisky to increase funding amount to $\$ 25,000$ for The International Fishing Tournament. The motion carried
unanimously by those present.
b. LKT

Chairman Till made the motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wells to approve funding in the amount of $\$ 5,000$. Motion carried unanimously by those present.
c. Jailbreak Obstacle Course Race

Chairman Till made the motion, seconded by Committee Member Graves to approve funding in the amount of $\$ 30,000$. Motion carried unanimously by those present.
d. MOF Ninja Warrior

Vice-Chairman Wells made the motion, seconded by Committee Member Pace to deny funding. Motion carried unanimously by those present.
e. Tailgate Weekend

Chairman Till made the motion, seconded by Committee Member Slovisky to deny funding and direct staff to cancel the event. Motion carried unanimously by those present.
f. Xpogo (2019-4 different dates)

Vice-Chairman Wells made the motion, seconded by Committee Member Till to direct staff to renegotiate the contract with promoter and cancel all future events. Motion carried unanimously by those present.
g. FAMFest

Vice-Chairman Wells made the motion to direct staff to restructure and recommend a funding amount to the Committee for this event. Seconded by Committee Member Pace and carried as follows:

Yea: Committee Members Pace, Graves, Slovisky, and Vice-Chairman Wells.
Nay: Chairman Till

## VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED SPECIAL EVENT SUBCOMMITTEE POLICY AND SUBMIT TO CVA BOARD \& CITY COUNCIL FOR REVIEW.

Vice-Chairman Wells made the motion, seconded by Committee Member Pace to approve the Subcommittee Policy and recommend to CVA Board and City Council for review. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

## VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL TO DISSOLVE THE CURRENT SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE AND ALLOW THE CVA BOARD TO REFORM THIS COMMITTEE AS A SUBCOMMITTEE UNDER THE CVA BOARD.

Vice-Chairman Wells made the motion, seconded by Committee Member Till to approve to dissolve the current Special Events Committee and recommend to CVA Board to create a Special Events Subcommittee. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

## IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE FUNDING REQUESTS FOR THE

 11TH ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BAY CHALLENGE FISHING TOUR.Committee Member Graves made the motion, seconded by Committee Member Pace to approve the funding amount of $\$ 5,000$. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

## X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING SETTING NEXT SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING DATE.

New meeting date was tentatively set for Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, Chairman Till adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.
Approved this $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$

Sean Till, Special Events Committee Chairman Attest:

Rosa Zapata, CVB Executive Services Specialist

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Marisa Amaya, Event Development \& Packaging Manager
DEPARTMENT: Convention and Visitors Bureau

## ITEM

Discussion and possible action regarding the following special event funding applications and recommendation to Convention and Visitors Advisory Board for approval:
a. Shallow Sport Tournament
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h. Holiday Lights over Padre Weekend
i. HalloWings

ITEM BACKGROUND

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY
02-593-8099 Special Events Budget.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL
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Sent to Legal:
Approved by Legal:
Comments:

## RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Approve funding requests.

# CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM 

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Marisa Amaya, Event Development \& Packaging Manager
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

## ITEM

Discussion and action to approve funding request for the Shallow Sport Tournament.

ITEM BACKGROUND

2019 Shallow Sport Tournament was originally approved for $\$ 2,500$.
2019 new application is now requesting $\$ 5,000$.

## BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

## LEGAL REVIEW

| Sent to Legal: | YES: $\quad$ NO: |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Approved by Legal: | YES: |  |

Comments:

## RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Recommend the Special Events Committee approve a funding amount.

## Application for Funding

Date: February 08, 2019

## Organization Information

Name of Organization: SHALLOW SPORT BOATS FISHING TOURNAMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP

Address: 41146 SCHAFER RD

City, State, Zip: LOS FRESNOS, TX. 78566

Contact Name: KYRA HUDSON Contact Office Phone Number: (956) 233-9489

Contact Cell Phone Number: (956) 434-9895

Web Site Address for Event or Sponsoring Entity: WWW.SHALLOWSPORTBOATS.COM/OWNERS-TOURNAMENT

Non-Profit or For-Profit status: 509 (a) (2) *attached Tax ID \#: 82-0749460 \& 74-2838354

Entity's Creation Date: NON-PROFIT (2016) , SHALLOW SPORT (1983)

Purpose of your organization: THE SHALLOW SPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND WAS CREATED TO RAISE MONEY THROUGH OUR ANNUAL OWNERS FISHING TOURNAMENT TO PROVIDE AS MANY \$2000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AS POSSIBLE FOR STUDENTS WHO LOVE THE OUTDOORS AND FISHING.

## Event Information

Name of Event or Project: SHALLOW SPORT OWNERS FISHING TOURNAMENT

Date of Event or Project: MAY 17-18, 2019

Primary Location of Event or Project: LOUIE'S BACKYARD, SOUTH PADRES ISLAND TX

Amount Requested: \$5,000. 00

Primary Purpose of Funded Activity/Facility:

WE WILL PLACE A WELCOME SIGN THROUGH THE CONVENTION CENTER ON THE MEDIAN ENTERING

THE INSLAND, AS WELL AS ADS IN THE LOCAL PAPERS. WE WILL BE BOOSTING SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

AND ADS. THE MONEY WILL HELP TOWARDS THE PRINTING AND MAILING OF THOUSANDS OF

BROCHURES (ATTACHED) AND PRODUCTION OF OUR EVENT SHIRTS (ATTACHED) WHICH BOTH

PROMINENTLY FEATURE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND IN THE ARTWORK.

How will the hotel tax funds be used: (please attach a list of the hotel tax funded expenditures)

We WILL ADVERTISE ON OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA THE HOTEL PARTNERS WE CHOOSE AND THE RATES THEY PROVIDE US. WE WILL ALSO INCLUDE A QUESTIONNAIRE IN OUR REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN TRAVEL INFORMATION ON OUR OUT-OF-AREA PARTICIPANTS. MONIES CAN ALSO BE APPLIED TO TENT RENTALS.

## Percentage of Hotel Tax Support of Related Costs

## $\ldots<2$ <br> Percentage of Total Event Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax

$\qquad$ Percentage of Total Annual Facility Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event
$\qquad$ Percentage of Annual Staff Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event

If staff costs are covered, estimate percentage of time staff spends annually on the funded event(s) compared to other activities $\qquad$ 0 $\qquad$ \%

Are you asking for any cost reductions for city facility rentals or city services, and if so, please quantify and explain:
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N/A

## Which Category or Categories Apply to Funding Request, and Amount Requested Under Each Category:

a) Convention Center or Visitor Information Center: construction, improvement, equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
b) Registration of Convention Delegates: furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants. Amount requested under this category:
c) Advertising, Solicitations, Promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity. Amount requested under this category: \$2500.00
d) Promotion of the Arts that Directly Enhance Tourism and the Hotel \& Convention Industry: the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts that can be shown to have some direct impact on tourism and the hotel/convention industry. The impact may be that the art facility or event can show hotel nights that are booked due to their events or that guests at hotels attend the arts event. Eligible forms of art include instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture photography, graphic and craft arts, motion picture, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms: \$ $\qquad$
e) Historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitation and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
f) Expenses including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event in which the majority of participants are tourists. The event must substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity. Amount requested under this category: \$2500.00

How many attendees are expected to come to the sporting related event? $\mathbf{1 , 2 5 0}$

How many of the attendees at the sporting related event are expected to be from another city or county? 85-90\%

Quantify how the sporting related event will substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity?
THE TOURNAMENT IS A TWO-DAY EVENT THAT REQUIRES A MINIMUM 2 NIGHT STAY FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE A RESIDENCE NEARBY. MANY PARTICIPANTS COME TO THE ISLAND EARLY AND STAY FOR SEVERAL DAYS "PRE-FISHING" AS WELL. IN ADDITION, OUR VIP/SPONSOR EVENT ON THURSDAY EVENING IS ATTENDED BY HUNDREDS OF MARINE INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS WHO ALL STAY AT THE ISLA GRAND HOTEL FROM THURSDAY-SUNDAY.
g) Funding transportation systems for transporting tourists from hotels to and near the city to any of the following destinations: 1) the commercial center of the city; 2) a convention center in the city; 3) other hotels in or near the city; and 4) tourist attractions in or near the city. Please note that the ridership of any such transportation must be primarily tourists to qualify for hotel tax funding. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$

What sites or attractions will tourists be taken to by this transportation? $\qquad$

Will members of the general public (non-tourists) be riding on this transportation? $\qquad$

What percentage of the ridership will be local citizens? $\qquad$
h) Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the municipality. Amount requested under this category: \$200.00

What tourist attractions will be the subject of the signs?
THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT, LOUIE'S BACKYARD.

## Questions for All Funding Request Categories:

1. How many years have you held this Event or Project: 19 YEARS
2. Expected Attendance: MINUMUM 1,250 REGISTERED ATTENDEES
3. How many people attending the Event or Project will use South Padre Island lodging establishments? ANTICIPATED 750-1000. WE WILL SURVEY FOR MORE DEFINITIVE INFO How many nights do you anticipate the majority of the tourists will stay: $\mathbf{2 - 3}$
4. Do you reserve a room block for this event at an area hotel and if so, for how many rooms and at which hotels: WE RESERVE ROOMS FOR OUR DEALERSHIPS AND HEADLINING SPONSORS ONLY, APPROXIMATELY 12 ROOMS AT THE ISLA GRAND. WE TRADITIONALLY SECURE GROUP RATES AT THE INN AT SOUTH PADRE, ISLA GRAND AND SCHLITTERBAHN. MANY PARTICIPANTS RENT HOUSES ON THE ISLAND.
5. List other years (over the last three years) that you have hosted your Event or Project with amount of assistance given from HOT and the number of hotel rooms used:

Month/Year Held Assistance Amount Number of Hotel Rooms Used
6. How will you measure the impact of your event on area hotel activity (e.g.; room block usage information, survey of hoteliers, etc.)? WE WILL IMPLEMENT A SURVEY ATTACHED TO EVENT REGISTRATION ON OUR WEBSITE AND INCLUDED IN THE TOURNAMENT BROCHURE MAILER
7. Please list other organization, government entities, and grants that have offered financial support to your project: EVENT IS SUPPORTED THROUGH REGISTRATION FEES AND PRIVATE SPONSORS. THE MORE PROFIT OBTAINED THROUGH SPONSORSHIP AND PARTICIPATION, THE MORE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ABLE TO BE AWARDED.
8. Will the event charge admission? THERE IS A FEE TO PARTICIPATE AND COMPETE BUT NOT FOR SPECTATORS.
9. Do you anticipate a net profit from the event? NO, ALL PROFITS GO TOWARDS THE SCHOLARSHIPS.
10. If there is a net profit, what is the anticipated amount and how will it be used? LAST YEAR, THERE WAS APPROXIMATELY $\$ 19,000.00$ IN NET PROFIT WHICH IS BEING USED TO FUND THE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED THIS YEAR.
11. All marketing and promotions will be coordinated through the CVA's agency, unless exempted from this requirement by the Executive Director, in which case all creative must be pre-approved by the Executive Director (or designee) and payments will be on a reimbursement basis. Please list all promotion efforts your organization is planning and the amount estimated for each media outlet:

Newspaper:
\$1000.00
Radio:
TV:
Website, Social Media:
Other Paid Advertising:
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\$500.00
\$1000.00 (Street signs and banners/flags)
Anticipated Number of Press Releases to Media: TWO TO EACH PUBLICATION Anticipated Number Direct Mailings to out-of-town recipients: 3500 BROCHURES MAILED

Other Promotions EACH REGISTRANT WILL RECEIVE A CUSTOM PERFORMANCE TEE

## (APPROXIMATE \$18,000.00 COST)

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12. A link to the CVB must be included on your promotional handouts and in your website for booking hotel nights during this event. Are you able to comply? YES. ALREADY DONE
13. Will you negotiate a special rate or hotel/event package to attract overnight stays? YES, WE NEGOTIATE AND ADVERTISE RATES FOR AT LEAST THREE AREA HOTELS
[If we have a tour operator, we will require them to use that service.]
14. What other marketing initiatives are you planning to promote hotel and convention activity for this event?

WE ARE MARKETING THE EVENT TO SPONSORS AS A SORT OF SPONSOR DISPLAY/TRADE SHOW. WE BLOCK OFF THE AREA ADJACENT TO LOUIES AND PUT UP TENTS AND DISPLAYS FOR SPONSORS

TO SHOWCASE THEIR PRODUCTS FOR ALL EVENT PARTICIPANTS AS WELL AS TOURISTS.
15. What geographic areas does your event reach: THROUGHOUT TEXAS AND PARTS OF

## LOUISIANA

16. If the funding requested is related to a permanent facility (e.g. museum, visitor center): Expected Visitation by Tourists Monthly/Annually: $\qquad$

Percentage of those who visit the facility who indicate they are staying at area hotels/lodging facilities:
$\qquad$ \% (use a visitor log that asks them to check a box if they are staying at an area lodging facility)
17. What amount of event insurance do you have for your event and who is the carrier: WE CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE IN SURPLUS OF \$2.655 MILLION DOLLARS WITH SCOTTSDALE
a. (Insert South Padre Island Minimum Event Insurance Coverage Minimums and duty to list South Padre Island as an added insured)
18. Any marketing for the event must be consistent with the brand image for South Padre Island and all such marketing pieces that are funded with hotel tax must be coordinated and developed by the South Padre Island CVB marketing agency. Are you able to comply? YES
19. Where appropriate, the CVB will require access to event participant database information that will show zip code data to measure likely impact from the funded event. NO PROBLEM

Supplemental Information Required With Application: Along with the application, please submit the following:
$\qquad$ Proposed Marketing Plan for Funded Event
$\qquad$ Schedule of Activities or Events Relating to the Funded Project
$\qquad$ Complete budget for the Funded Project
$\qquad$ Room night projections, with back-up, for the Funded Event

Submit to: Marisa Amaya, Special Events and Packaging Manager, Convention and Visitors Advisory Board/ C/O City of South Padre Island Convention and Visitor's Bureau, 7355 Padre Blvd., 956-761-3834, marisa@sopadre.com

# CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM 

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Marisa Amaya, Event Development \& Packaging Manager
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion and action to approve funding request for the Wahoo Fishing Tournament.

ITEM BACKGROUND

2019 Wahoo Fishing Tournament originally requested \$20,000.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

LEGAL REVIEW

Sent to Legal:
YES: $\qquad$ NO: $\qquad$
Approved by Legal:
YES: $\qquad$ NO: $\qquad$
Comments:

## RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Recommend the Special Events Committee approve a funding amount.

## APPLICATION FOR INITIAL FUNDING

Today's Date: 6/30/2018

## ORGANIZATON INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Wahoo Classic Inc.

## Address: PO Box 2312

City, State, Zip: South Padre Island, TX 78597
Contact Name: _ Contact Office Phone Number: 303-517-9419
Contact Cell Phone Number: 303-517-9419
Web Site Address for Event or Sponsoring Entity
Non-Profit or For-Profit status: Non-Profit Tax ID \#:
Entity's Creation Date: April 12, 2016
Purpose of your organization:
Bring anglers to South Padre Island to compete in a offshore Wahoo Fishing
Tournament.
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## EVENT INFORMATION

Name of Events or Project: Wahoo Classic
Date of Event or Project: September 13-15, 2019
Primary Location of Event or Project: Jim's Pier South Padre Island
Amount Requested: $\$ \underline{20,000}$

## Primary Purpose of Funded Activity/Facility:

Advertising and prizes
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How will the hotel tax funds be used: (please attach a list of the hotel tax funded expenditures) Ads in magazines, printing costs, T -shirts, hats, bags, prize awards to anglers.
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## Percentage of Hotel Tax Support of Related Costs

50 Percentage of Total Event Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax
___ Percentage of Total Annual Facility Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event
___ Percentage of Annual Staff Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event
If staff costs are covered, estimate percentage of time staff spends annually on the funded event(s) compared to other activities \%

Are you asking for any cost reductions for city facility rentals or city services, and if so, please quantify and explain:
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## Which Category or Categories Apply to Funding Request \& Amount Requested Under Each Category:

a) Convention Center or Visitor Information Center: construction, improvement, equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both. Amount requested under this category: \$ None
b) Registration of Convention Delegates: furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants. Amount requested under this category: \$ None
c) Advertising, Solicitations, Promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity. Amount requested under this category: \$ 10,000
d) Promotion of the Arts that Directly Enhance Tourism and the Hotel \& Convention Industry: the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts that can be shown to have some direct impact on tourism and the hotel/convention industry. The impact may be that the art facility or event can show hotel nights that are booked due to their events or that guest at hotels attend the arts event. Eligible forms of art include instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture photography, graphic and craft arts, motion picture, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms: \$ None
e) Historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitation and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums. Amount requested under this category: \$ None
f) Expenses including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event in which the majority of participants are tourists. The event must substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity.
Amount requested under this category: $\$ \underline{10,000}$
How many attendees are expected to come to the sporting related event? $\mathbf{2 5 0}$
How many of the attendees at the sporting related event are expected to be from another city or county? 100

Quantify how the sporting related event will substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity?
Due to our advertising as far as way as Rockport we would anticipate anglers from outside the SPI area to come to the fishing
event.
g) Funding transportation systems for transporting tourists from hotels to and near the city to any of the following destinations: 1) the commercial center of the city; 2) a convention center in the city; 3) other hotels in or near the city; and 4) tourist attractions in or near the city. Please note that the ridership of any such transportation must be primarily tourists to qualify for hotel tax funding.

Amount requested under this category: \$ None

What sites or attractions will tourists be taken to by this transportation?
None
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Will members of the general public (non-tourists) be riding on this transportation? None
What percentage of the ridership will be local citizens? None
h) Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the municipality.
Amount requested under this category: \$ None
What tourist attractions will be the subject of the signs?
N/A
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## QUESTIONS FOR ALL FUNDING REQUEST CATEGORIES

How many years have you held this Event or Project: The 2019 tournament will be the fourth annual event.

Expected Attendance: 250

How many people attending the Event or Project will use South Padre Island lodging establishments? 75

How many nights do you anticipate the majority of the tourists will stay: $\underline{2}$

Do you reserve a room block for this event at an area hotel and if so, for how many rooms and at which hotels:
No

List other years (over the last three years) that you have hosted your Event or Project with amount of assistance given from HOT and the number of hotel rooms used:

| Month/Year Held | Assistance Amount | Number of Hotel Rooms Used |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| September 2016 | \$40,000 | Number of rooms unknown |
| September 2017 | \$40,000 | Number of rooms unknown |
| September 2018 | \$25.000 | Event not held yet |

How will you measure the impact of your event on area hotel activity (e.g.; room block usage information, survey of hoteliers, etc.)?
When the anglers register for the tournament they will be asked to fill out a questionnaire about their planned activity
while on South Padre Island.

Please list other organization, government entities, and grants that have offered financial support to your project: None

Will the event charge admission? NO

Do you anticipate a net profit from the event? Yes

If there is a net profit, what is the anticipated amount and how will it be used?
A portion will be given to a local charitable organization. After all expenses, the remaining balance will be held over the 2020
event.
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All marketing and promotions will be coordinated through the CVA's agency, unless exempted from this requirement by the Executive Director, in which case all creative must be pre-approved by the Executive Director (or designee) and payments will be on a reimbursement basis. Please list all promotion efforts your organization is planning and the amount estimated for each media outlet:

- Newspaper:
- Radio:
- TV:
- Website, Social Media:
- Other Paid Advertising:
\$ 10\%
\$
\$
\$70\%
\$ 20\%

Anticipated Number of Press Releases to Media: 3
Anticipated Number Direct Mailings to out-of-town recipients: 0
Other Promotions: $\qquad$

A link to the CVB must be included on your promotional handouts and in your website for booking hotel nights during this event. Are you able to comply? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No

Will you negotiate a special rate or hotel/event package to attract overnight stays?
[If we have a tour operator, we will require them to use that service.]

What other marketing initiatives are you planning to promote hotel and convention activity for this event?
None

What geographic areas does your event reach?
Coastal Texas, South Padre Island to Houston

If the funding requested is related to a permanent facility (e.g. museum, visitor center):

- Expected Visitation by Tourists Monthly/Annually: None
- Percentage of those who visit the facility who indicate they are staying at area hotels/lodging facilities: $\qquad$ \% (use a visitor log that asks them to check a box if they are staying at an area lodging facility)

What amount of event insurance do you have for your event and who is the carrier: $\$ 1,000,000$ Cameron County Insurance Co., Located in Port Isabel
[Insert South Padre Island Minimum Event Insurance Coverage Minimums and duty to list South Padre Island as an added insured]

Any marketing for the event must be consistent with the brand image for South Padre Island and all such marketing pieces that are funded with hotel tax must be coordinated and developed by the South Padre Island CVB marketing agency. Are you able to comply?



Where appropriate, the CVB will require access to event participant database information that will show zip code data to measure likely impact from the funded event.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION:

Along with the application, please submit the following:
$\qquad$ Proposed Marketing Plan for Funded Event
$\qquad$ Schedule of Activities or Events Relating to the Funded Project
$\qquad$ Complete budget for the Funded Project
$\qquad$ Room night projections, with back-up, for the Funded Event

Submit to complete applications to:
Marisa Amaya
Event Development \& Packaging Manager
Convention and Visitors Advisory Board
C/O City of South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau
7355 Padre Blvd.
South Padre Island, TX 78597
Phone: (956) 761-3834
Email: marisa@sopadre.com

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## Presentation to the CVB for Wahoo Classic Fishing Tournament funding 2019

First I would like to thank the CVB for their financial contributions for the past three years. Without their help and support the tournament never could have been as successful as it has been despite two years of bad weather.

From the inception of this tournament and the first conversations with the CVB it was always intended that this would be a startup type investment that would be be weaned down over a few years. This has been reflected in the request for the 2019 request of $50 \%$ of the original starting amount. We were under the impression that this amount had been previously approved and therefore had built that into our budget. As with most things in life and business, things change so here we are before you again discussing the 2019 request.

We, the Officers and Directors for Wahoo Classic are the first to agree that if the only criteria for financial support is, the number of people we can put in hotels, then this tournament is not the best fit possible. While it is certain that we do bring some guests that stay in hotels we are somewhat unique in that this is a large boat toumament. So Many of the participants can stay aboard their boats or condos which they already own on the island. If on the other hand financial support can be applied to organizations which bring revenue, taxes, and activity to the island during one of the more quiet months we are an excellent candidate.

As examples:
In the months of preparation and meetings we spend hundreds of dollars in local restaurants.

We spend thousands of dollars with local merchants to purchase and print the $t$-shirts for the event.

We spend thousands of dollars with local merchants to buy the items in the bags given to each boat.

All of our graphics and printed materials are supplied by local companies.
Our insurance coverage policies are purchased locally.
During the three-day event under the tent at Jim's Pier several hundred people come to see the boats and the fish being weighed in. These people eat and drink along the bay bars and restaurants.

Our end-of-year banquet thanking the directors and volunteers that made the event possible is always done at a local restaurant.

Our charitable contribution to the laguna madre scholarship fund over the past three years has amounted to several thousand dollars.

In conclusion, after a review of our financial reserve and estimations of our current budget we respectfully submit a request for $\$ 15,000$ to assist in the financial success of the 2019 Wahoo Classic fishing tournament. In the spirit of "wind down funding" our plans for the following year, 2020, we will only request approximately $\$ 5,000$ to assist in advertising and electronically linking the Wahoo toumament and the CVB together.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

## SPI Wahoo Classic

Financial Statements
FY2018

|  | FY 2018 |  | FY 2017 |  | FY 2016 |  |
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| Revenue: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CVB Final 2016 Payment/2nd FY 2016 | \$ | - | \$ | 15,000 | \$ | 25,000 |
| CVB 1st Payment 2018 |  | 18,750 |  | 30,000 |  | - |
| CVB 2nd Payment 2018 |  | 6,250 |  | 10,000 |  | - |
| Expense Reimbursement FY16 |  | - |  | 2,708 |  | - |
| Sponsor Support |  | 26,225 |  | 23,550 |  | 19,700 |
| Participants |  | 7,648 |  | 8,169 |  | 12,655 |
| Shirt/Tumblers - Sales |  | 305 |  | 1,300 |  | 1,980 |
| Total Revenue | \$ | 59,178 | \$ | 90,727 | \$ | 59,335 |
| Expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prize Money | \$ | 18,000 | \$ | 15,000 | \$ | 15,000 |
| Legal/Acctg/Insurance Charges |  | 9,741 |  | 8,279 |  | 1,914 |
| Marketing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advertising |  | 4,117 |  | 1,995 |  | 1,215 |
| Shirts/Bags/Tumblers |  | 13,049 |  | 12,676 |  | 7,512 |
| Design/Brochures/Banners |  | 2,311 |  | 542 |  | 2,433 |
| Total Marketing |  | 19,477 |  | 15,213 |  | 11,160 |
| Tournament Expenses |  | 8,120 |  | 9,975 |  | 8,836 |
| Charitable Donation |  |  |  | 1,500 |  | 2,700 |
| Total Expenses | \$ | 55,338 | \$ | 49,967 | \$ | 39,610 |
| Net Income: | \$ | 3,840 | \$ | 40,760 | \$ | 19,725 |
| Beginning Balance RE | \$ | 60,485 | $\$$ | 19,725 |  |  |
| Ending Balance RE | \$ | 64,325 | \$ | 60,485 |  |  |

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| Prize Money | Vendor | Amount |  |
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|  | 1st Place - Wahoo | \$ | 10,000.00 |
|  | 2nd Place - Wahoo |  | 3,000.00 |
|  | 3rd Place - Wahoo |  | 2,000.00 |
|  | Largest - Tuna |  | 1,000.00 |
|  | Largest - Dorado |  | 1,000.00 |
|  | Smallest - Dorado |  | 500.00 |
|  | Smallest - Wahoo |  | 500,00 |
|  |  | \$ | 18,000.00 |
| Legal/Accounting | State Sales Tax | \$ | 349.34 |
|  | Bank Checks |  | 10.00 |
|  | SPI Chamber |  | 230.00 |
|  | Tax Return - Marty Bogart |  | 531.24 |
|  | Taxes 2017 |  | 3,835.00 |
|  | Taxes 2018 |  | 3,600.00 |
|  | insurance |  | 1,185.51 |
|  |  | \$ | 9,741.09 |
| Advertising | Tournament Shirts | \$ | 6,649.91 |
|  | Tournament Cooler Bags |  | 6,399.00 |
|  | SPI Chamber Mag |  | 4,117.00 |
|  |  | \$ | 17,165.91 |
| Design/Brochures | Hunter Services LLC | \$ | - |
|  | Toucan Graphics |  | 584.79 |
|  | Toucan Graphics |  | 317.98 |
|  | Toucan Graphics |  | 1,408.33 |
|  |  | \$ | 2,311.10 |
| Tournament Exp | Tent for Tournament | \$ | 1,912.78 |
|  | Kieth Arnold Support |  | 95.00 |
|  | Trophies |  | 1,158.00 |
|  | Tift |  | 450.00 |
|  | Catering |  | 87.99 |
|  | Photographer - Diane Harville |  | 400.00 |
|  | Melinda Dunks - Weigh Master |  | 300.00 |
|  | Andrew Minkler |  | 300,00 |
|  | Initial 2018 Meetings |  | 1,475.15 |
|  | Directors Dinner 2018 Recap |  | 1,331.00 |
|  | Storage Site For Supplies |  | 135.00 |
|  | Web Site Development |  | 450.00 |
|  | Office Supplies |  | 25.00 |
|  |  | \$ | 8,119.92 |
| Charitable Donation | Charitable Contribution | \$ | - |
|  | Total Expenses | \$ | 55,338.02 |


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# CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM 

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Marisa Amaya, Event Development \& Packaging Manager
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion and action to approve funding request for the JJ Zapata Memorial Fishing Tournament.

ITEM BACKGROUND

Jaime Jorge (JJ) Zapata Foundation Memorial Fishing Tournament was originally approved for \$5,000.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

LEGAL REVIEW

Sent to Legal:
YES: $\qquad$ NO: $\qquad$
Approved by Legal:
YES: $\qquad$ NO: $\qquad$
Comments:

## RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Recommend the Special Events Committee approve a funding amount.

## APPLICATION FOR INITIAL FUNDING

Today's Date: 6/25/2018

## ORGANIZATON INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Jaime Jorge Zapata Foundation
Address: P.O. Box 423
City, State, Zip: Port Isabel, TX. 78578
Contact Name: Betty Wells Contact Office Phone Number: $\underline{\underline{956.561 .1052}}$
Contact Cell Phone Number: 956.561.1052
Web Site Address for Event or Sponsoring Entity www.alpha5195.com
Non-Profit or For-Profit status: Non-Profit Tax ID \#: 45-2018488
Entity's Creation Date: April 26, 2011
Purpose of your organization:
To develop and distribute resources to be used to further law enforcement and public justice careers, especially among underprivileged youth, through scholarships and other support.
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## EVENT INFORMATION

Name of Events or Project: $\underline{\text { Jaime Jorge Zapata Foundation }}$
Date of Event or Project: $\frac{\text { September 13-14, } 2019}{\text { Primary Location of Event or Project: South Padre Island }}$

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00

## Primary Purpose of Funded Activity/Facility:

To develop and distribute resources to be used to further law enforcement and public justice careers, especially amo underprivileged youth, through scholarships and other support.
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How will the hotel tax funds be used: (please attach a list of the hotel tax funded expenditures) Advertising and marketing for the event and Gold level Sponsorship for the CVB
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## Percentage of Hotel Tax Support of Related Costs

10\% Percentage of Total Event Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax
___ Percentage of Total Annual Facility Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event
___ Percentage of Annual Staff Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event

If staff costs are covered, estimate percentage of time staff spends annually on the funded event(s) compared to other activities \%

Are you asking for any cost reductions for city facility rentals or city services, and if so, please quantify and explain: NO
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## Which Category or Categories Apply to Funding Request \& Amount Requested Under Each Category:

a) Convention Center or Visitor Information Center: construction, improvement, equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
b) Registration of Convention Delegates: furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
c) Advertising, Solicitations, Promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity. Amount requested under this category: \$ 5,000.00
d) Promotion of the Arts that Directly Enhance Tourism and the Hotel \& Convention Industry: the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts that can be shown to have some direct impact on tourism and the hotel/convention industry. The impact may be that the art facility or event can show hotel nights that are booked due to their events or that guest at hotels attend the arts event. Eligible forms of art include instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture photography, graphic and craft arts, motion picture, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms: \$ $\qquad$
e) Historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitation and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
f) Expenses including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event in which the majority of participants are tourists. The event must substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity.
Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
How many attendees are expected to come to the sporting related event? $\qquad$

How many of the attendees at the sporting related event are expected to be from another city or county? $\qquad$
Quantify how the sporting related event will substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity?
g) Funding transportation systems for transporting tourists from hotels to and near the city to any of the following destinations: 1) the commercial center of the city; 2) a convention center in the city; 3) other hotels in or near the city; and 4) tourist attractions in or near the city. Please note that the ridership of any such transportation must be primarily tourists to qualify for hotel tax funding.

Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$

What sites or attractions will tourists be taken to by this transportation?
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Will members of the general public (non-tourists) be riding on this transportation? $\qquad$
What percentage of the ridership will be local citizens? $\qquad$
h) Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the municipality.

Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
What tourist attractions will be the subject of the signs?
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How many years have you held this Event or Project: Since 2017

Expected Attendance: 400 Anglers

How many people attending the Event or Project will use South Padre Island lodging establishments? At least 25\%

How many nights do you anticipate the majority of the tourists will stay: $\underline{2}$

Do you reserve a room block for this event at an area hotel and if so, for how many rooms and at which hotels:
No

List other years (over the last three years) that you have hosted your Event or Project with amount of assistance given from HOT and the number of hotel rooms used:

| Month/Year Held <br> September 2018 | Assistance Amount <br> September 2017 | $\$ 5,000$ | Number of Hotel Rooms Used |
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How will you measure the impact of your event on area hotel activity (e.g.; room block usage information, survey of hoteliers, etc.)?
Survey of participants
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Please list other organization, government entities, and grants that have offered financial support to your project: Private Corporations and individuals

Will the event charge admission? Yes

Do you anticipate a net profit from the event? Yes

If there is a net profit, what is the anticipated amount and how will it be used? $\$ 5,000-\$ 10,000$ to be used for scholarships and planning of next year's event.
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All marketing and promotions will be coordinated through the CVA's agency, unless exempted from this requirement by the Executive Director, in which case all creative must be pre-approved by the Executive Director (or designee) and payments will be on a reimbursement basis. Please list all promotion efforts your organization is planning and the amount estimated for each media outlet:

- Newspaper:
- Radio:
- TV:
- Website, Social Media:
- Other Paid Advertising:
$\$$ In-Kind
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$\$ \underline{5,000}$
$\$ 2,000$

Anticipated Number of Press Releases to Media: 3
Anticipated Number Direct Mailings to out-of-town recipients: $\underline{2}$
Other Promotions: Printing of full color tournament program book; posters

A link to the CVB must be included on your promotional handouts and in your website for booking hotel nights during this event. Are you able to comply? $\quad \square$ Yes $\quad \square$ No

Will you negotiate a special rate or hotel/event package to attract overnight stays?

## If possible

[If we have a tour operator, we will require them to use that service.]

What other marketing initiatives are you planning to promote hotel and convention activity for this event?
Website exposure

What geographic areas does your event reach?
Primarily Texas
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If the funding requested is related to a permanent facility (e.g. museum, visitor center):

- Expected Visitation by Tourists Monthly/Annually: $\qquad$
- Percentage of those who visit the facility who indicate they are staying at area hotels/lodging facilities: $\qquad$ \% (use a visitor log that asks them to check a box if they are staying at an area lodging facility)

What amount of event insurance do you have for your event and who is the carrier:
[Insert South Padre Island Minimum Event Insurance Coverage Minimums and duty to list South Padre Island as an added insured]

Any marketing for the event must be consistent with the brand image for South Padre Island and all such marketing pieces that are funded with hotel tax must be coordinated and developed by the South Padre Island CVB marketing agency. Are you able to comply?
$\square$ Yes $\quad \checkmark$ No

Where appropriate, the CVB will require access to event participant database information that will show zip code data to measure likely impact from the funded event.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION:

Along with the application, please submit the following:
$\qquad$ Proposed Marketing Plan for Funded Event
$\qquad$ Schedule of Activities or Events Relating to the Funded Project
$\qquad$ Complete budget for the Funded Project
$\qquad$ Room night projections, with back-up, for the Funded Event

Submit to complete applications to:
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# CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM 

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Marisa Amaya, Event Development \& Packaging Manager
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion and action to approve funding request for the Zombie Charge Race.

ITEM BACKGROUND

2019 Zombie Charge event was originally approved for $\$ 35,000$.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

LEGAL REVIEW

Sent to Legal:
Approved by Legal:
YES: $\qquad$
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NO: $\qquad$
Comments:

## RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Recommend the Special Events Committee approve a funding amount.

## APPLICATION FOR INITIAL FUNDING

Today's Date: 7/02/2018

## ORGANIZATON INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Activeworks, LLC
Address: 515A S. Fry \#557
City, State, Zip: Katy, TX 77450
Contact Name: Sandy Reyes Contact Office Phone Number: 832-207-187؛
Contact Cell Phone Number: 832-896-6072
Web Site Address for Event or Sponsoring Entity www.zombiecharge.com
Non-Profit or For-Profit status: For-Profit Tax ID \#: $\qquad$
Entity's Creation Date: $\qquad$
Purpose of your organization:
Activeworks, LLC is an event management company with the purpose of creating
events that inspire fitness and impact communities through interactive and unique
5 k events.
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## EVENT INFORMATION

Name of Events or Project: Zombie Charge 5K OCR \& Festival
Date of Event or Project: September 2019
Primary Location of Event or Project: Clayton's
Amount Requested: $\$ 35,000$

## Primary Purpose of Funded Activity/Facility:

The primary purpose of funded activity is to increase the visitor numbers, promote tourism that stimulates the local es and bring a physical fitness event to the region for families, co-workers to participate together.
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How will the hotel tax funds be used: (please attach a list of the hotel tax funded expenditures) Primarily marketing. Building a base and reaching out to a wide range of Texas residents in the State, specifically Sa Laredo, North Mexico, RGV as target markets. The funds will assist with covering costs for street team promotions, advertising, marketing activities in print, social media and online to targeted demographics such as fitness magazine: events, expos, etc. Secondary use of funds are related to materials and logistical needs such as A/V equipment, ract gear, construction/build and assembly labor and volunteer shirts. The city will once again be Presenting Sponsor and to all marketing materials and Talent Fees.

## Percentage of Hotel Tax Support of Related Costs

40 Percentage of Total Event Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax
___ Percentage of Total Annual Facility Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event
___ Percentage of Annual Staff Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event

If staff costs are covered, estimate percentage of time staff spends annually on the funded event(s) compared to other activities \%

Are you asking for any cost reductions for city facility rentals or city services, and if so, please quantify and explain:
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## Which Category or Categories Apply to Funding Request \& Amount Requested Under Each Category:

a) Convention Center or Visitor Information Center: construction, improvement, equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
b) Registration of Convention Delegates: furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
c) Advertising, Solicitations, Promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
d) Promotion of the Arts that Directly Enhance Tourism and the Hotel \& Convention Industry: the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts that can be shown to have some direct impact on tourism and the hotel/convention industry. The impact may be that the art facility or event can show hotel nights that are booked due to their events or that guest at hotels attend the arts event. Eligible forms of art include instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture photography, graphic and craft arts, motion picture, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms: \$ $\qquad$
e) Historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitation and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
f) Expenses including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event in which the majority of participants are tourists. The event must substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity.
Amount requested under this category: $\$ 35,000$
How many attendees are expected to come to the sporting related event? 2,000
How many of the attendees at the sporting related event are expected to be from another city or county? 95\%

Quantify how the sporting related event will substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity?
Our intent is to drive travelers and residents to the island on the day prior to the event and offering discount hotel nights while also
encouraging groups visiting attractions, dining and shopping on SPI. Our packet pick up will be hosted by a media partner like

Telemundo and we will raffle a TV or Tablet for people just picking up packet.
g) Funding transportation systems for transporting tourists from hotels to and near the city to any of the following destinations: 1) the commercial center of the city; 2) a convention center in the city; 3) other hotels in or near the city; and 4) tourist attractions in or near the city. Please note that the ridership of any such transportation must be primarily tourists to qualify for hotel tax funding.

Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$

What sites or attractions will tourists be taken to by this transportation?
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Will members of the general public (non-tourists) be riding on this transportation? $\qquad$
What percentage of the ridership will be local citizens? $\qquad$
h) Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the municipality.

Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
What tourist attractions will be the subject of the signs?
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## QUESTIONS FOR ALL FUNDING REQUEST CATEGORIES

How many years have you held this Event or Project: 3 years (Houston, Austin, SPI-2018)

Expected Attendance: 2,000

How many people attending the Event or Project will use South Padre Island lodging establishments? $300-500$ people (Goal is 150 rooms at least 1 night)

How many nights do you anticipate the majority of the tourists will stay: $1-2$ nights

Do you reserve a room block for this event at an area hotel and if so, for how many rooms and at which hotels:
A 10 room block will be set aside just for event staff, artists. We will also work agreements with Schlitterbahn and ( hotels to offer discounts for participant/visitor room blocks and provide info in confirmation page

List other years (over the last three years) that you have hosted your Event or Project with amount of assistance given from HOT and the number of hotel rooms used:

| Month/Year Held <br> September 2018 | Assistance Amount <br> $\$ 355,000$ | Number of Hotel Rooms Used <br> tba |
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How will you measure the impact of your event on area hotel activity (e.g.; room block usage information, survey of hoteliers, etc.)?
Attendee surveys on check in, discounts that are trackable metrics for room stays (group codes for example)

Please list other organization, government entities, and grants that have offered financial support to your project: McCoys, Tropical Smoothie Cafe, Russo's, IV Hydropros

Will the event charge admission? Yes-only for participants, free to rest

Do you anticipate a net profit from the event? Yes

If there is a net profit, what is the anticipated amount and how will it be used? We anticipate a net profit of $\$ 30,000$ of which $\$ 10,000$ will be used for medals, $t$-shirts, runners materials, obstacle and $\$ 2,000$ for charity donation minimum.

All marketing and promotions will be coordinated through the CVA's agency, unless exempted from this requirement by the Executive Director, in which case all creative must be pre-approved by the Executive Director (or designee) and payments will be on a reimbursement basis. Please list all promotion efforts your organization is planning and the amount estimated for each media outlet:

- Newspaper:
- Radio:
- TV:
- Website, Social Media:
- Other Paid Advertising:
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\$ 6,000
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\$ 8,000
\$ 6,000

Anticipated Number of Press Releases to Media: 400 min .
Anticipated Number Direct Mailings to out-of-town recipients: $\qquad$
Other Promotions: Fitness Expo and Fitness Magazine (Austin), State wide promotions, Running and Obstacle $\leqslant$

A link to the CVB must be included on your promotional handouts and in your website for booking hotel nights during this event. Are you able to comply? $\square \checkmark$ Yes $\square$ No

Will you negotiate a special rate or hotel/event package to attract overnight stays?
[If we have a tour operator, we will require them to use that service.]

What other marketing initiatives are you planning to promote hotel and convention activity for this event?
We plan to engage the agents of the upcoming movie Zombieland 2 (Woody Harrelson) to visit the island to get $\mathrm{m}_{1}$ comic convention feel in the festival and do autographs.

What geographic areas does your event reach?
Major markets are RGV region, North Mexico, San Antonio, Houston, Austin, Dallas, Lousiana, Oklahoma

If the funding requested is related to a permanent facility (e.g. museum, visitor center):

- Expected Visitation by Tourists Monthly/Annually: $\qquad$
- Percentage of those who visit the facility who indicate they are staying at area hotels/lodging facilities: $\qquad$ \% (use a visitor log that asks them to check a box if they are staying at an area lodging facility)

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What amount of event insurance do you have for your event and who is the carrier:
\$ 1 Million Aggregate Event GL with Harned Insurance
[Insert South Padre Island Minimum Event Insurance Coverage Minimums and duty to list South Padre Island as an added insured]

Any marketing for the event must be consistent with the brand image for South Padre Island and all such marketing pieces that are funded with hotel tax must be coordinated and developed by the South Padre Island CVB marketing agency. Are you able to comply?


Where appropriate, the CVB will require access to event participant database information that will show zip code data to measure likely impact from the funded event.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION:

Along with the application, please submit the following:


Submit to complete applications to:
Marisa Amaya
Event Development \& Packaging Manager
Convention and Visitors Advisory Board
C/O City of South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau
7355 Padre Blvd.
South Padre Island, TX 78597
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## WHAT IS ZOMBIE CHARGE

Since 2013 Zombie Charge has combined the popular mud race and
adds the powerful pop-culture phenomenon of zombies in one event.

Zombie Charge is a 3.1 mile course with changing terrain features like a trail run adding $12+$ obstacles inspired by obstacle races, mud runs and shows like American Ninja Warrior showcased in a theme with inspiration from television series such as The Walking Dead

## WHY WE'RE DIFFERENT

The competitive advantage of Zombie Charge is we are the only race series in Texas featuring an open and untimed 5K obstacle run for all ages and fitness levels along with the option for a participant to sign up as a zombie.

We hire professional special effects make-up artists to transform the participant who's looking for our unique experience.

Zombie Charge allows for minimum risk and maximum fun in a one of a kind experience.

Thousands have participated in our events over the years and many more recognize our brand throughout Texas.

We are the most authentic 5K zombie obstacle race series in Texas!


## YOUR BRAND, EXPOSED!

Zombie Charge has worked with powerful media partners and has been featured on television, print and online content such as...


Featured on


Zombie Charge also has a strong social media reach


Over 47,000 Facebook followers

On the airwaves and podcasts


Our combined reach through iHeart stations, featured spots on television, podcasts, interviews and large scale events like Comicpalooza gave us brand visibility to over 5 million people in a large segment of the Central Texas and Greater Houston area population in the $18-44$ age range and your company can be right there with us in 2018 !

## PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS



## By the numbers...Obstacle Run Marketing

Over 5.3 million people participated in Obstacle Course Races in 2016 according to Obstacle Race World: The State of the Mud Run Business

The Outdoor Industry Association states that over $55 \%$ of Texas residents participate in outdoor recreation and the industry generates 52.6 Billion dollars in consumer spending

Running/trail running was the \#1 most popular activity (18\% of Americans)
7.6 million runners finished a 5 K distance event in 2015

## Engage a targeted, active lifestyle brand and

 participants with your company by being a sponsor!
## OUR CHARITY COMMITMENT

## American Red Cross

Zombie Charge is the only 5K obstacle race in Texas that provides FREE disaster bags to families

We promote self-resilience, teamwork and community building by combining a fun yet challenging open level obstacle race that motivates people to work together

Zombie Charge also supports disaster relief with a percentage of ticket sales


## LET'S WORK TOGETHER!

Zombie Charge is the only race of its kind in the Midwest! Without a doubt, our event is unique and the partnership can be also. Customization can include a combination of the following:
$>$ Integrated branding Texas wide in different forms of media exposure from print, billboard and even on $t$-shirts with "Visit SPI"
$>$ Economic stimulus during that weekend with hotel stays, usage of local restaurants and other businesses from our event staff to visitors
$>$ Partnerships with big brands like iHeart Radio, American Ninja Warrior and recognized sponsors like State Farm
Exposure of brand marks on our website, social media platforms, YouTube Videos, Facebook live feed
Newsletter inclusion presenting SPI's clickable logo to connect to people prior to the event to promote events and during that weekend
$>$ Friday party FREE to public to promote fitness with no cost community classes in a family friendly environment



Creatively working to keep you active PRESENTS


## CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Marisa Amaya, Event Development \& Packaging Manager
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion and action to approve funding request for the SPI Triathlon.

ITEM BACKGROUND

SPI Triathlon 2019 is requesting \$10,000.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

LEGAL REVIEW

Sent to Legal:
YES: $\qquad$ NO: $\qquad$
Approved by Legal:
YES: $\qquad$ NO: $\qquad$
Comments:

## RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Recommend the Special Events Committee approve a funding amount.

## APPLICATION FOR INITIAL FUNDING

Today's Date: 6/25/2018

## ORGANIZATON INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Dos Guys Productions
Address: 1209 Hwy 83
City, State, Zip: Alamo, TX 78516
Contact Name: Casey Swanson Contact Office Phone Number: 956-787-435
Contact Cell Phone Number: 956-460-3570
Web Site Address for Event or Sponsoring Entity spitriathlon.com
Non-Profit or For-Profit status: For-profit Tax ID \#: 46-2199350
Entity's Creation Date: 2012

## Purpose of your organization:

The purpose of Dos Guys Race Productions is to promote wellness living through community activities of a non-competitive nature.

## EVENT INFORMATION

Name of Events or Project: South Padre Island Triathlon
Date of Event or Project: $\underline{\underline{9 / 29 / 2019}}$
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Amount Requested: $\$ 10,000.00$
Primary Purpose of Funded Activity/Facility:
The primary purpose of the funded activity is to hold a spectator friendly triathlon for triathletes of varying abilities bringing in competitors from across the state and bordering/central Mexico. The event also allows athletes to participate in a triathlon of a "open-water" nature, offered nowhere else in South Texas

How will the hotel tax funds be used: (please attach a list of the hotel tax funded expenditures) Hotel tax funds will be used directly in helping promote participations in the event. Money will be expended to help improve marketing for the event to increase the number of participants and spectators. Additional safety equipment and signage will also be purchased.

## Percentage of Hotel Tax Support of Related Costs

___ Percentage of Total Event Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax
___ Percentage of Total Annual Facility Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event
___ Percentage of Annual Staff Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event
If staff costs are covered, estimate percentage of time staff spends annually on the funded event(s) compared to other activities 75 \%

Are you asking for any cost reductions for city facility rentals or city services, and if so, please quantify and explain:

We ask for the city to help provide a EMS unit in case of an emergency as well as police officers to help with traffic control for the duration of the event.

## Which Category or Categories Apply to Funding Request \& Amount Requested Under Each Category:

a) Convention Center or Visitor Information Center: construction, improvement, equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both. Amount requested under this category: \$ -
b) Registration of Convention Delegates: furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants. Amount requested under this category: \$ - $\qquad$
c) Advertising, Solicitations, Promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity. Amount requested under this category: \$ 2,500
d) Promotion of the Arts that Directly Enhance Tourism and the Hotel \& Convention Industry: the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts that can be shown to have some direct impact on tourism and the hotel/convention industry. The impact may be that the art facility or event can show hotel nights that are booked due to their events or that guest at hotels attend the arts event. Eligible forms of art include instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture photography, graphic and craft arts, motion picture, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms: $\$ \underline{6,500}$
e) Historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitation and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums. Amount requested under this category: \$ - $\qquad$
f) Expenses including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event in which the majority of participants are tourists. The event must substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity.
Amount requested under this category: \$ - $\qquad$
How many attendees are expected to come to the sporting related event? 225
How many of the attendees at the sporting related event are expected to be from another city or county? 150

Quantify how the sporting related event will substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity?
The triathlon will help bring business to hotels and restaurants in the area from the athletes to their families spending time there
throughout the weekend of the event.
g) Funding transportation systems for transporting tourists from hotels to and near the city to any of the following destinations: 1) the commercial center of the city; 2) a convention center in the city; 3) other hotels in or near the city; and 4) tourist attractions in or near the city. Please note that the ridership of any such transportation must be primarily tourists to qualify for hotel tax funding.

Amount requested under this category: $\$ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$

What sites or attractions will tourists be taken to by this transportation?
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Will members of the general public (non-tourists) be riding on this transportation? $\underline{n} / \mathrm{a}$
What percentage of the ridership will be local citizens? n/a
h) Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the municipality.
Amount requested under this category: $\$ \underline{\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}}$
What tourist attractions will be the subject of the signs?

## n/a

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## QUESTIONS FOR ALL FUNDING REQUEST CATEGORIES

How many years have you held this Event or Project:
In 2019 the event will be on its 8th year of success.
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Expected Attendance: 225

How many people attending the Event or Project will use South Padre Island lodging establishments? 150

How many nights do you anticipate the majority of the tourists will stay: $1-2$ nights

Do you reserve a room block for this event at an area hotel and if so, for how many rooms and at which hotels:

We have requested a room-block at the Holiday Inn Express in South Padre Island.

List other years (over the last three years) that you have hosted your Event or Project with amount of assistance given from HOT and the number of hotel rooms used:

## Month/Year Held <br> Assistance Amount <br> Number of Hotel Rooms Used

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How will you measure the impact of your event on area hotel activity (e.g.; room block usage information, survey of hoteliers, etc.)?

We will use survey data collected from athletes upon their arrival at our event packet-pick as well as occupant data collected from the host hotel.
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Please list other organization, government entities, and grants that have offered financial support to your project:

We have not receive financial support from outside sourced for our event.

Will the event charge admission?
Athletes only. Spectators-no

Do you anticipate a net profit from the event? yes

If there is a net profit, what is the anticipated amount and how will it be used?
Dos Guys in anticipating of a profit between 1,500.00-2000.00 dollars that will be invested directly back into the event for the subsequent year.

All marketing and promotions will be coordinated through the CVA's agency, unless exempted from this requirement by the Executive Director, in which case all creative must be pre-approved by the Executive Director (or designee) and payments will be on a reimbursement basis. Please list all promotion efforts your organization is planning and the amount estimated for each media outlet:

- Newspaper:
- Radio:
- TV:
- Website, Social Media:
- Other Paid Advertising:

Anticipated Number of Press Releases to Media:
Anticipated Number Direct Mailings to out-of-town recipients: $\qquad$
Other Promotions:

A link to the CVB must be included on your promotional handouts and in your website for booking hotel nights during this event. Are you able to comply?



Will you negotiate a special rate or hotel/event package to attract overnight stays?
yes
[If we have a tour operator, we will require them to use that service.]

What other marketing initiatives are you planning to promote hotel and convention activity for this event?

## What geographic areas does your event reach?

The South Padre Island Triathlon reaches out to South Texas, but we are looking to reach out to Central Texas as as Central Mexico where there is a larger demographic of triathletes.
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If the funding requested is related to a permanent facility (e.g. museum, visitor center):

- Expected Visitation by Tourists Monthly/Annually: n/a
- Percentage of those who visit the facility who indicate they are staying at area hotels/lodging facilities:__ \% (use a visitor log that asks them to check a box if they are staying at an area lodging facility)

What amount of event insurance do you have for your event and who is the carrier:

The United States of America Triathlon organization offers insurance for all athletes participating in our event.

## [Insert South Padre Island Minimum Event Insurance Coverage Minimums and duty to list South

 Padre Island as an added insured]Any marketing for the event must be consistent with the brand image for South Padre Island and all such marketing pieces that are funded with hotel tax must be coordinated and developed by the South Padre Island CVB marketing agency. Are you able to comply?


Where appropriate, the CVB will require access to event participant database information that will show zip code data to measure likely impact from the funded event.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION:

Along with the application, please submit the following:
$\qquad$ Proposed Marketing Plan for Funded Event
$\qquad$ Schedule of Activities or Events Relating to the Funded Project
$\qquad$ Complete budget for the Funded Project
$\qquad$ Room night projections, with back-up, for the Funded Event

## Submit to complete applications to:

## Marisa Amaya

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Bike Route for the Triathlon


Sprint - Will run the course 1 x
Olympic - will run course $2 x$
Google Maps Parrot Eyes Restaurant-Bar \& Water Sports


# CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM 

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Marisa Amaya, Event Development \& Packaging Manager
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion and action to approve funding request for the Mariachi Run.

ITEM BACKGROUND

2019 South Padre Island Mariachi Run is requesting $\$ 25,000$.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

LEGAL REVIEW

Sent to Legal:
YES: $\qquad$ NO: $\qquad$
Approved by Legal:
YES: $\qquad$ NO: $\qquad$
Comments:

## RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Recommend the Special Events Committee approve a funding amount.

## APPLICATION FOR INITIAL FUNDING

Today's Date: 06/26/18

## ORGANIZATON INFORMATION

Name of Organization: 26point2 Consulting Group, LLC dba 26point2 Events
Address: 4001 S. Houston Drive
City, State, Zip: Harlingen, Texas 78550
Contact Name:Angie Juarez Contact Office Phone Number: 866-987-7665
Contact Cell Phone Number: 956-244-5358
Web Site Address for Event or Sponsoring Entity www.spimariachirun.com
Non-Profit or For-Profit status: For-Profit Status Tax ID \#: 46-3093129
Entity's Creation Date: February 2013
Purpose of your organization:
26point2 Consulting Group, LLC is a for-profit organization with goals to support local non-profits with specific needs that are often not addressed by other means. 26point2 Consulting Group, LLC serves as an Event Producer and Consultant to various events and organizations trying to make impacts in their communities.
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## EVENT INFORMATION

Name of Events or Project: South Padre Island Mariachi Run (SPI Mariachi Run)
Date of Event or Project: November 2, 2019
Primary Location of Event or Project: Schlitterbahn Resort and Waterpark
Amount Requested: $\$ \underline{25,000}$

## Primary Purpose of Funded Activity/Facility:

The purpose of the the South Padre Island Mariachi Run $-5 \mathrm{k} / 10 \mathrm{k}$, Half Marathon is to provide an original concept and experience that almost
anyone can get excited about participating in; i.e. from the devoted runner, the margarita \& taco lover or even a couch surfer looking to get active and have fun. The history of the Mariachi goes back hundreds of years in the Mexican culture to celebrate
joys, struggles and triumphs. Today the Mariachi continues to be prime entertainment in celebrations and ceremonies. The SPI
Mariachi Run will bring together a cultural celebration of music, food \& drink, the popularity of walking \& running for activeness and bring awareness to the scholarship program of Operations Spots 4 Tots.

How will the hotel tax funds be used: (please attach a list of the hotel tax funded expenditures) For the 2nd year, $70 \%$ of the requested funds would go directly to operations to help create a solid foundation for a long term event on South Padre Island. $30 \%$ of the requested funds would go directly to marketing.
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## Percentage of Hotel Tax Support of Related Costs

75\% Percentage of Total Event Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax
$0 \quad$ Percentage of Total Annual Facility Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event
0_ Percentage of Annual Staff Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event

If staff costs are covered, estimate percentage of time staff spends annually on the funded event(s) compared to other activities $\qquad$ \%

Are you asking for any cost reductions for city facility rentals or city services, and if so, please quantify and explain:

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CITY SERVICES:
    - SPI-PD participation for traffic plan, traffic direction and cones
    - SPI-EMS participation on location
    SPI Public Works support for trash receptacles and route support
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## Which Category or Categories Apply to Funding Request \& Amount Requested Under Each Category:

a) Convention Center or Visitor Information Center: construction, improvement, equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both. Amount requested under this category: $\$ \underline{0}$
b) Registration of Convention Delegates: furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants. Amount requested under this category: \$ 0
c) Advertising, Solicitations, Promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity. Amount requested under this category: \$ 0
d) Promotion of the Arts that Directly Enhance Tourism and the Hotel \& Convention Industry: the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts that can be shown to have some direct impact on tourism and the hotel/convention industry. The impact may be that the art facility or event can show hotel nights that are booked due to their events or that guest at hotels attend the arts event. Eligible forms of art include instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture photography, graphic and craft arts, motion picture, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms: $\$ \underline{0}$
e) Historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitation and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums. Amount requested under this category: \$ 0
f) Expenses including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event in which the majority of participants are tourists. The event must substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity.
Amount requested under this category: $\$ 25,000$
How many attendees are expected to come to the sporting related event? 500 second year
How many of the attendees at the sporting related event are expected to be from another city or county? 500

Quantify how the sporting related event will substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity?
With a day-time packet pick-up expo occurring only on SPI and the actual event occurring in the evening as a sundowner, runners and walkers
are anticipated to bring friends and family to support them and enjoy additional activities in bundle packages to the event's registration.

We anticipate at least 150 to 200 of the participants to stay one or multiple nights on South Padre Island.
g) Funding transportation systems for transporting tourists from hotels to and near the city to any of the following destinations: 1) the commercial center of the city; 2) a convention center in the city; 3) other hotels in or near the city; and 4) tourist attractions in or near the city. Please note that the ridership of any such transportation must be primarily tourists to qualify for hotel tax funding.

Amount requested under this category: $\$ \underline{0}$

What sites or attractions will tourists be taken to by this transportation?
n/a
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Will members of the general public (non-tourists) be riding on this transportation? $n / a$
What percentage of the ridership will be local citizens? $n / \mathrm{a}$
h) Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the municipality.
Amount requested under this category: $\$ \underline{0}$
What tourist attractions will be the subject of the signs?
n/a
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## QUESTIONS FOR ALL FUNDING REQUEST CATEGORIES

How many years have you held this Event or Project: One year prior, 2018 will be the Inaugural Year

Expected Attendance: 500 registrants; 800 plus to packet pick-up expo and after party

How many people attending the Event or Project will use South Padre Island lodging establishments? anticipated 150 plus

How many nights do you anticipate the majority of the tourists will stay: $\qquad$

Do you reserve a room block for this event at an area hotel and if so, for how many rooms and at which hotels:
Anticipated - Schlitterbahn Resort as primary and Isla Grand as secondary

List other years (over the last three years) that you have hosted your Event or Project with amount of assistance given from HOT and the number of hotel rooms used:

## Month/Year Held

November 2018

Assistance Amount
\$25,000

Number of Hotel Rooms Used TBD

## information, survey of hoteliers, etc.)?

How will you measure the impact of your event on area hotel activity (e.g.; room block usage

Room blocks informariton
Participant surveys at the packet pick-up expo

Please list other organization, government entities, and grants that have offered financial support to your project: Proposing sponsorship support from Schlitterbahn, local SPI businesses and RGV businesses

Will the event charge admission? Race registration will vary from $\$ 35$ to $\$ 95$

Do you anticipate a net profit from the event? Yes

If there is a net profit, what is the anticipated amount and how will it be used? $20 \%$ to the distributed amongst Operations Spots 4 Tots and two to three local food banks

20\% directly channeled into the next year's operational supplies
$60 \%$ to 26 point2 Consulting Group, LLC

All marketing and promotions will be coordinated through the CVA's agency, unless exempted from this requirement by the Executive Director, in which case all creative must be pre-approved by the Executive Director (or designee) and payments will be on a reimbursement basis. Please list all promotion efforts your organization is planning and the amount estimated for each media outlet:

- Newspaper:
- Radio:
- TV:
- Website, Social Media:
- Other Paid Advertising:
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Anticipated Number of Press Releases to Media: 6
Anticipated Number Direct Mailings to out-of-town recipients: to be determined
Other Promotions: Other Paid Advertising includes Texas Runners \& Triathlete Magazine \& e-blasts and Expo Exhibitor

A link to the CVB must be included on your promotional handouts and in your website for booking hotel nights during this event. Are you able to comply? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No

Will you negotiate a special rate or hotel/event package to attract overnight stays? Yes
[If we have a tour operator, we will require them to use that service.]

What other marketing initiatives are you planning to promote hotel and convention activity for this event?
We will develop a build-up social media campaign for seven Texas markets. Partner with the Texas Runners \& Triathlete
for a full page ad in the Annual Race Guide along with various eblasts and other event support. Additionally sponsor support will
allow for participation in other event expos prior to the event. Posters/flyers will be distributed throughout the RGV.

What geographic areas does your event reach?
Primary area will be the four counties of the Rio Grande Valley. Additional metros will include Corpus Christi, Laredo,
San Antonio, Austin, Houston and Dallas

If the funding requested is related to a permanent facility (e.g. museum, visitor center):

- Expected Visitation by Tourists Monthly/Annually: n/a
- Percentage of those who visit the facility who indicate they are staying at area hotels/lodging facilities: $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ \% (use a visitor log that asks them to check a box if they are staying at an area lodging facility)

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What amount of event insurance do you have for your event and who is the carrier:
Participant surveys at the packet pick-up expo
coverage minimums will be secured for the event.
[Insert South Padre Island Minimum Event Insurance Coverage Minimums and duty to list South Padre Island as an added insured]

Any marketing for the event must be consistent with the brand image for South Padre Island and all such marketing pieces that are funded with hotel tax must be coordinated and developed by the South Padre Island CVB marketing agency. Are you able to comply?



Where appropriate, the CVB will require access to event participant database information that will show zip code data to measure likely impact from the funded event.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION:

Along with the application, please submit the following:
$\qquad$ Proposed Marketing Plan for Funded Event
X
Schedule of Activities or Events Relating to the Funded Project
X
Complete budget for the Funded Project
X
Room night projections, with back-up, for the Funded Event

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## Event Economic Impact Report

November $3^{\text {rd }}$

Prepared for
City of South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

## Prepared by

Business and Tourism Research Center
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

## Research Team Leaders

Dr. Penny Simpson, Professor of Marketing and Director Dr. Sharon Schembri, Associate Professor of Marketing Oscar Ramos Chacon, Project Manager

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## Executive Summary and Survey Highlights

The South Padre Island Mariachi Run 5k/10k took place at Schlitterbahn Waterpark on Saturday, November $3^{\text {rd }}, 2018$. The event was created to celebrate the Mexican culture and to make running fun by having live mariachi groups along the run. The event received $\$ 25,000$ in funding and was sponsored by the South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau with Angie Juarez serving as the event organizer. To examine the spending of Mariachi Run attendees on SPI, a short survey incentivized with the opportunity to enter a drawing to win two nights at Schlitterbahn Beach Resort was conducted. The survey was administered onsite for 209 completed questionnaires resulting in 183 useable responses from unique households on the Island specifically for the event.

On average, event study respondents were predominately married (56.4\%) females (65.6\%), had an average age of 39 years, had at least some type of college degree (66.1\%), worked full-time (81.4\%), were primarily Hispanic (84.2\%) and had an average annual income above $\$ 50,000$ ( $73.2 \%$ ). Survey respondents were primarily from the US ( $97.2 \%$ ) with $2.8 \%$ from Mexico. On average, household participants traveled an average of 90 miles with an average of 2.48 people and spent 0.62 nights on SPI during the event.

Most survey respondents are considered promoters of the Island to others (80.1\%), resulting in an excellent net promoter score of 77.9. Most respondents are satisfied with the Island experience (96.7\%) and the event (93.4\%) and are likely to return to SPI for a future vacation (93.4\%).

Importantly, the survey analysis found that the 343 household groups attended Mariachi Run and spent an estimated weighted average of $\$ 197$ per household while on the Island for a total spending of $\$ 67,721$. Of total spending, lodging is the highest per household expenditure category with $37 \%$ of study respondents spending at least one night on the Island in paid lodging and staying an average of 0.62 nights. This resulted in about 78 total room nights, most of which were spent in hotels.

With the average weighted lodging expenditure of $\$ 197$ per household that spent the night on the Island, a total of $\$ 20,909$ was spent on lodging. Of this amount, $17 \%$ or $\$ 3,038$ was for the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT), and $10.5 \%$, or about $\$ 1,876$, is the City's share of the HOT. Moreover, the estimated total spending on food and beverages of $\$ 21,197$ included about $\$ 1,616$ in taxes at the $8.25 \%$ rate or $\$ 392$ at the City $2 \%$ tax
rate. Other types of expenditures, such as clothing, nightlife and entertainment amounted to $\$ 25,614$, of which $\$ 1,952$ was sales taxes, with $\$ 473$ the City's share. In total, the $\$ 67,721$ spent during Mariachi Run resulted in $\$ 6,606$ in tax revenue with $\$ 2,741$ the City's share. This represents a loss to the City of $-\$ 22,259$ for a $-89.0 \%$ loss on the $\$ 25,000$ cash investment made by the CVB in Mariachi Run as shown in the table.

## Summary of Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

| KPI | Result | Description of KPI | Page |
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| CVB investment | \$25,000 | Amount of funding provided by CVB to event promoter | P1 |
| Total spending | \$67,721 | Total spent by event households | Table 1, P6 |
| Average spent per household | \$197 | Weighted average spent per household | Table 1, P6 |
| Number of households | 343 | Number of households at event | Figure 2, P4 |
| Number in household | 2.48 | Number of people in household group at event | Figure 2, P4 |
| Nights on SPI | 0.62 | Average number of nights spent on SPI | Figure 2, P4 |
| Lodging tax | \$1,876 | City share of HOT revenue: $10.5 \%$ of $17 \%$ HOT | Table 2, P7 |
| F\&B sales tax | \$392 | City share of total tax collected from F\&B spending: $2 \%$ of $8.25 \%$ of total sales tax | Table 2, P7 |
| Other sales tax | \$473 | City share of total sales tax revenue | Table 2, P7 |
| Total City tax share | \$2,741 | Total City tax revenue from event | Table 2, P7 |
| Total tax ROI | -89.0\% | Return on CVB investment considering all taxes | Table 2, P7 |
| Lodging only ROI | -92.5\% | Return on CVB investment considering HOT only | Table 2, P7 |
| Net Promoter Score | 77.9 | Measure of customer loyalty; calculated as identified promoters less detractors | Figure 5, p8 |
| Likely to return | 93.4\% | Percent somewhat or extremely likely to return to SPI | Figure 6, p8 |
| Satisfied with the SPI | 96.7\% | Percent satisfied with the SPI experience | Figure 7, P8 |
| Satisfied with event | 93.4\% | Percent satisfied with event | Figure 8, p9 |

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## SPI Mariachi Run 5k/10k

## Introduction

SPI Mariachi Run 5k/10k took place at Schlitterbahn Waterpark on Saturday, November $3^{\text {rd }}, 2018$. The event was created to celebrate the Mexican culture and to make running fun by having live mariachi groups along the run. The event received $\$ 25,000$ in funding and was sponsored by the South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau with Angie Juarez serving as the event organizer.

Race participants could pick up their packets and visit the expo from 10:30am to 4:30pm with race start times beginning at 5:30pm. An after race party with mariachi band performances were from 6:15pm to 8:15pm. Registration for the event ranged from $\$ 35$ to $\$ 65$ depending on the race entered and when registered.

## Method

To estimate the economic impact of the 2018 Mariachi Run, UTRGV interviewers conducted a survey (see Appendix A) among event attendees at the Schlitterbahn Waterpark during the following times as recommended by the event director as best to reach the most attendees:

- Saturday, November 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}, 2018$ from 3:30pm until 8:30pm.
- As an incentive, survey respondents were offered a chance to win two nights at Schlitterbahn Beach Resort and were also offered SPI promotional products which substantially helped to recruit respondents.



## Interviews

A total of 15 different trained interviewers, a people counter and the project manager attended SPI Mariachi Run, at Schlitterbahn Waterpark on Saturday, November 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$. Interviewers were highly visible by wearing bright orange $t$-shirts and visors and randomly approached potential respondents in a professional manner and administered the paper survey on clipboards to facilitate survey administration with the data to be entered into an online link later by the interview team. The onsite interviews yielded 209 completed responses; however, a number of the responses were eliminated as follows:

- 4 responses were completed by another responding household member;
- 8 responses were from respondents not on the Island for the event; and,
- 6 were from respondents who live within ten miles.

The result is 183 useable questionnaires for analysis. The sample population is about 700 adults who passed by the interviewers. With 209 completed surveys, the completed responses rate is about $29.9 \%$.

## Estimated attendance

Knowing the number of people attending any event is crucial to estimating the economic impact of the event. Accordingly, the research team manually counted attendance during the times they were at the Schlitterbahn Waterpark via a manual hand counter. The manual counter counted 682 adults and 139 children on Saturday, November $3^{\text {rd }}$ from $3: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ until 8:30pm. Allowing for vendors and volunteers, in total, we estimate that 850 people were at the Schlitterbahn Waterpark for the 2018 SPI Mariachi Run.

The appropriate unit of analysis, however, is 'the household' since spending questions are asked about household expenditures rather than individual expenditures. To determine the number of households at the event, the total number of attendees (850) is divided by the average
 household size (2.48) as found in the survey (see Figure 2) to determine that 343 households were at 2018 SPI Mariachi Run event.

## Results

## Survey participants travel and SPI stay characteristics

In all, 183 useable surveys were completed by people specifically on South Padre Island for 2018 SPI Mariachi Run. Survey respondents were first asked to indicate their role or participation type in the event. Figure 1 shows that by far, most of the respondents surveyed (71.4\%) were registered for the event while (20.3\%) were event spectators. The remaining survey participants were event sponsor/vendors (1.6\%) or

Participation Type
71.4\%


Figure 1. Participation type volunteer/staff (4.4\%).

Next, respondents indicated how many people were in their household while at the event, the number of nights spent and the number of miles traveled to the event. The number of people reported in the household for the event ranged from 1 to 16 for an average of 2.48 as seen in Figure 2. Data featured in Figure 2 also shows that, on average, study participants traveled 90 miles to attend the event, although distances traveled ranged from 10 to 1500 miles and spent an average of 0.62 nights on SPI for the event with a range of 0 to 3 nights spent on SPI.

Number in household, nights spent and miles traveled


Figure 2. Average Miles traveled, group size and NIGHTS SPENT

Figure 3 breaks down the percent of respondents by number of nights spent on SPI and shows that $55.2 \%$ of respondents did not spend the night on SPI. Of those spending the night, most respondents spent one (30.1\%) or two nights (12.6\%) although $2.2 \%$ spent 3 nights on the Island. None ( $0.0 \%$ ) spent more than five nights on SPI for the event.


## Figure 3. Percentage spending the night on SPI

Figure 4 shows the types of lodging used. While most (54.1\%) event attenders surveyed did not spend the night on the Island, of those who did, $35.5 \%$ spent the night in a hotel/motel room, $3.3 \%$ rented a condominium or beach house, $2.2 \%$ stayed with family or friends, and $2.2 \%$ stayed in their own SPI residence.

With $37 \%$ (Table 1, p6) of the estimated 343 households spending an average of 0.62 nights (Figure 2, p4) on the Island, the Mariachi Run event should have resulted in 78 room nights.


Figure 4. Type of lodging

- Mariachi Run attendees accounted for 78 room nights.


## Estimated spending

Study respondents were asked to indicate how much money they spent in various expenditure categories. All reported expenditure amounts were assumed to include sales taxes except that lodging was assumed to be stated without HOT so was adjusted upward by $17 \%$, the HOT rate. The total average reported expenditure by category was then multiplied times the percentage of respondents who reported spending in that expense category to arrive at the average weighted spending per expense category.

Results in Table 1 indicate the average amount spent on lodging, as adjusted by 17\%, was $\$ 166$ with a weighted average of $\$ 61$ considering that $37 \%$ of respondents spent money on lodging for a total of $\$ 20,909$. Average spending on food and beverages was $\$ 75$, with a weighted average of $\$ 62$, for a total category spending of $\$ 21,197$, including sales taxes. The total spent on all other categories was $\$ 25,614$. In total, 343 event households spent a weighted average of $\$ 197$ for a total SPI spending of $\$ 67,721$.

Table 1. Total average weighted spending

| Expenditure category | Total <br> average | \% spending <br> in category | Weighted spending <br> per HH | Total spending <br> per HH |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Food \& Beverages | $\$ 75$ | $83 \%$ | $\$ 62$ | $\$ 21,197$ |
| Night life | $\$ 70$ | $28 \%$ | $\$ 20$ | $\$ 6,704$ |
| Lodging | $\$ 166$ | $37 \%$ | $\$ 61$ | $\$ 20,909$ |
| Attraction entertainment | $\$ 47$ | $11 \%$ | $\$ 5$ | $\$ 1,756$ |
| Retail | $\$ 60$ | $22 \%$ | $\$ 13$ | $\$ 4,580$ |
| Transportation | $\$ 38$ | $59 \%$ | $\$ 22$ | $\$ 7,723$ |
| Parking | $\$ 31$ | $3 \%$ | $\$ 1$ | $\$ 291$ |
| Admission fees | $\$ 43$ | $8 \%$ | $\$ 3$ | $\$ 1,122$ |
| Clothing | $\$ 42$ | $12 \%$ | $\$ 5$ | $\$ 1,745$ |
| Groceries | $\$ 37$ | $13 \%$ | $\$ 5$ | $\$ 1,606$ |
| Other | $\$ 12$ | $2 \%$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 86$ |
| Total | $\$ 620$ |  | $\$ 197$ | $\$ 67,721$ |

The estimated direct spending on South Padre Island as attributed to the 2018 SPI Mariachi Run is $\$ 67,721$, within a $5.7 \%$ confidence interval of plus or minus $\$ 3,826$ given the assumptions of a random sample selection.

## Tax benefits of spending during event

To calculate the tax revenue accruing from event attendee spending, the following tax rates are assumed:

- $17 \%$ hotel occupancy tax rate;
- $10.5 \%$ City's share of the hotel occupancy tax rate;
- $8.25 \%$ sales tax on all non-lodging spending;
- $2 \%$ is the City's share of non-lodging sales tax.

The spending reported in Table 1 should result in the tax revenues shown in Table 2. Total spending on lodging should result in total tax revenue of $\$ 3,038$ with the City's share at $10.5 \%$ totaling $\$ 1,876$. Total spending on food and beverages should result in $\$ 1,616$ in tax revenue with $\$ 392$ the City's share while total spending in all other expense categories should yield $\$ 1,952$ in sales tax revenue with $\$ 473$ the City's share. Altogether, the tax revenue should be $\$ 6,606$ with $\$ 2,741$ the City's share. The loss from the City's share of the hotel tax alone on the $\$ 25,000$ invested in the event is $92.5 \%$ but is $-89.0 \%$ considering the City's share of all the tax revenue.

Table 2. Spending, tax revenue and ROI

| Spending category | Amount spent | Total HOT | Total sales tax | City's \% share | City's \$ share | ROI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lodging | \$20,909 | 17\% | \$3,038 | 10.50\% | \$1,876 | -92.5\% |
| Food \& Beverage | \$21,197 | 8.25\% | \$1,616 | 2\% | \$ 392 |  |
| All nonlodging | \$25,614 | 8.25\% | \$1,952 | 2\% | \$ 473 |  |
| Totals | \$67,721 |  | \$6,606 |  | \$2,741 | -89.0\% |

Total spending of 2018 SPI Mariachi Run attendees resulted in an estimate tax revenue of $\$ 6,606$, with $\$ 2,741$ going to the City of South Padre Island. With an investment of $\$ 25,000$ in the event, the return to the City is $-92.5 \%$ considering only the $10.5 \%$ share of HOT but -89.0\% considering all the City's estimated tax revenue share.

## The SPI Experience

The next section of the survey asked Mariachi Run attendees about their stay on SPI. In this section, the "net promoter" question was used to determine how likely survey respondents are to recommend SPI as a place to visit to friends or colleagues.

## Recommendation likelihood Net promoter score



The results, shown in Figure 5, indicate that most study respondents (80.1\%)

Figure 5. Net promoter score are promoters of SPI while a few ( $2.2 \%$ ) are detractors. This yields a net promoter score (NPS) of 77.9, which is excellent. For example, the hotel industry has a NPS of 39 (www.netpromoter.com/compare).

Respondents were asked how likely they are to return to SPI and how satisfied they were with the event. As seen in Figure 6, by far most respondents ( $95.1 \%$ ) are likely to return to the Island at some time in the future.

## Likelihood of returning to SPI



Figure 6. Likelihood of returning to SPI in the FUTURE


Figure 7. Satisfaction with SPI experience

Most respondents (93.4\%) were also satisfied with the Mariachi Run event and only $3.3 \%$ reported being dissatisfied with the event as seen in Figure 8.


Figure 8. SAtisfaction with event

## NOTE: Respondents were asked to provide suggestions for improving their stay on SPI. The unedited comments are as follows:

- More water stops would be nice for the 10k. But overall awesome production loved the mariachi bands.
- Packet pickup have it on another day
- Start race on time; more communication
- Start on time
- Don't know if there will be signs to differentiate 5 k and 10 k runners. I don't want to get confused during the run. Are there going to be bananas at the end of the finish line? If no, please consider getting some for next time.
- Flat running ground
- Have a designated entrance for non runners, we ran right into the mariachi.
- Have waters available; signs for parking and pick up
- I will continue to bring my family and tell others about SPI if and only if they don't start to implement the hourly parking fee.
- This was a great event! I understood the water stop thing but I wish that there had been regular water stops. Thank you for a fun event!
- No one was taking numbers of 1 st, $2^{\text {nd }}$, and $3^{\text {rd }}$ place. The run was 6.44 instead of 6.2.
- More promotion
- Need more water stations
- Need more water stations. Better mileage tracking. More personnel.
- Needs to be more timed, badly organized
- Needs to be more timed, not prepared, 5K and 10K priced are not worth it, started late
- Other activities for family and friends
- Package pickup on earlier date. Medal is awesome!
- Starting on time, water steps, course marked better
- Timed chips
- To get cups for the water, to start on time
- Water cups for runners during the run


## Respondent Demographics

The remainder of the study assessed respondent demographic characteristics.
Targeted survey respondents were those 18 + years and the average age of all respondents was 39 year-of-age with ages ranging from 18 to 76 .

Most respondents were female (65.6\%), a majority were married (56.4\%) and most had some type of college degree (66.1\%) as shown in Figures 9 through 11, respectively.


Figure 9. Gender
Figure 10. Marital status


Figure 11. Educational attainment

Most study respondents work full-time (81.4\%), although 7.1\% work part-time and 4.4\% are retired as seen in Figure 12.


Figure 12. Employment status

Most Mariachi Run study participants reported having a higher-than-average household income level: 73.2\% indicated an annual household income above \$50,000 (Figure 13).


Figure 13. Household income level

Respondents were also asked to indicate their ethnicity but could select as many ethnicities as appropriate. Results in Figure 14 show that $84.2 \%$ of respondents considered themselves Hispanic while 12.0\% indicated being White.

## Ethnicity



Figure 14. Ethnicity

Finally, respondents were asked to indicate their home country and current residence zip/postal code. Most respondents reported the United States as their home country (97.2\%) and $2.8 \%$ indicated being from Mexico as shown in Figure 15.


Figure 15. Home country
Specific zip or postal codes of study respondents and of study participants are shown and mapped in Appendix B.

## Concluding remarks

This report has detailed the amount of money spent on South Padre Island by people attending the South Padre Island Mariachi Run held at the Schlitterbahn Waterpark on Saturday, November $3^{\text {rd }}, 2018$. The results of the study were obtained by administering a short onsite survey, which offered respondents an incentive to enter a drawing to win two nights at Schlitterbahn Beach Resort. A total of 209 completed surveys resulted in 183 useable responses for the analysis.

Demographically, the study sample was comprised of predominately of married females who were an average of 39 years-of-age, had at least some college education, were employed full-time, had a household income above $\$ 50,000$, identify ethnically Hispanic and were from the US. The average household came to the event with 2.48 people, had traveled an average of 90 miles and $37 \%$ spent the night on SPI for an average of 0.62 nights.

By combining the count of people at the event and survey results, event attendees generated an estimate 78 SPI room nights. With an average total weighted lodging expenditure per household of $\$ 61$ event attendees spent a total of $\$ 20,909$ on lodging, resulting in about $\$ 1,876$ in the City's share of the Hotel Tax revenue. Spending on food and beverages by event attendees was about $\$ 21,197$, which should yield $\$ 392$ to the City at a tax rate of $2 \%$. Total spending in other expenditure categories of $\$ 25,614$ should provide the City with $\$ 473$ in sales tax revenue. Altogether, Mariachi Run participants spent $\$ 67,721$, generating $\$ 6,606$ in total sales tax with $\$ 2,741$ the City's share.

Considering only the City's share of the hotel tax revenue, the City lost -\$23,124 or $-92.5 \%$ on their $\$ 25,000$ investment. Considering all tax revenue from all spending, the City should receive $\$ 2,741$ in taxes for a total loss of $-\$ 22,259$ or $-89.0 \%$ on the cash investment provided to the event organizer.

Nevertheless, most Mariachi Run survey participants are "promoters" in recommending SPI to others, are likely or extremely likely to return to SPI for a future vacation and are satisfied with their overall SPI experience during the event. Even though the event did not generate a positive return on the City's investment in the event, the overall SPI and event experience of the attendees will likely result in some people returning to the Island for future vacations.

## Appendix A: Survey

## SPI Mariachi Run Survey

This survey is to understand your household experience and spending during Mariachi Run. The one person, older than 18, best able to report on spending for all people in your household at the event should complete this survey. Responses are very important to planning future events. As a thank you, you may enter a drawing for a 2 -night stay at the Schlitterbahn Beach Resort. Responses are confidential and individual information will not be included in survey results or shared with others. Contact the Business and Tourism Research Center at UTRGV at businessresearch@utrgv.edu or call 956.665 .2829 for questions.

1. Have you or someone else in your household already completed this survey? $\quad$ Yes No If yes, return this survey.
2. Did you come to South Padre Island specifically for the Mariachi Run? Yes No: If no, return this survey. Thanks!
3. About how many miles did you travel to attend the Run?

4. Which of the following best describes your participation in the Mariachi Run (Check all that apply)?

| Registered participant | Event volunteer/staff |
| :--- | :--- |
| Spectator | Event sponsor/vendor |
| Did not attend | Other |

5. Including yourself, how many people from your household attended Mariachi Run? $\qquad$ Number adults in household Number of children
6. How many nights did you (or will you) spend on SOUTH PADRE ISLAND while attending the Mariachi Run? $\qquad$ nights
7. Where are you staying (or did stay) while on South Padre Island for the Mariachi Run?
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Hotel/motel } & \text { Rented condo/beach house } \\ \text { Campground/RV park } & \text { Rented a room } \\ \text { My own SPI residence } & \text { Friend/family residence (unpaid) } \\ \text { Not spending the night }\end{array}$
8. For each of the following types of expenses, please give your best estimate of the total amount you and your household spent (or will spend) during your entire time on South Padre Island for The Mariachi Run. (List only the total dollar amounts spent on SPI) Food \& beverages (restaurants, concessions, snacks, etc.)
Night clubs, lounges \& bars (cover charges, drinks, etc.)
Lodging expenses (hotel, motel, condo, room)
5
Local attractions \& entertainment
(fishing, snorkeling, kayaking, etc.)
Retail shopping (souvenirs, gifts, film, etc.)
Transportation (gas, oil, taxi, etc.)
Parking fees
SPI Admission fees
Clothing or accessories
Groceries
Other (please specify)
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9. On a scale from 0-10, how likely are you to recommend South Padre Island as a place to visit to a friend or colleague?
$\begin{array}{lllllllllllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Not at } \\ \text { all likely }\end{array} & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & \begin{array}{c}\text { Extremely } \\ \text { likely }\end{array}\end{array}$
10. How likely are you to return to South Padre Island for a vacation at some time in the future?
$\square$ Extremely likely Somewhat likely Neutral
ISomewhat unlikely Extremely unlikely
11. How satisfied are you with your overall South Padre Island experience?
$\square$ Extremely satisfied $\square$ somewhat satisfied Neutral
Dsomewhat dissatisfied $\square$ extremely dissatisfied
12. How satisfied are you with the Mariachi Run?
$\square$ Extremely satisfied somewhat satisfied Neutral
$\square$ somewhat dissatisfied I Extremely dissatisfied
13. What suggestions do you have for improving the Mariachi Run or your stay on South Padre Island? (write on back)
14. What is your home zip or postal code? $\qquad$ code
15. What is vour home country?

IUS I Mexico Canada Other
16. What is your age? $\qquad$ (years of age)
17. What is your gender? Male Female Gender diverse
18. What is your marital status?
$\square$ Married DSingle ■Widowed Divorced/separated
19.What is your highest educational attainment?

Less than high school Associate's degree
$\square$ High school graduate DBachelor's degree
$\square$ Some college, no degree Graduate/professional degree
20. What is your current employment status?

| WWork full-time | Retired within past year |
| :--- | :--- |
| QWork part-time | Retired more than 1 year |
| aUnemployed (looking for a job) | QOther (Please specify) |

21. What is your combined annual household income?

| Iless than $\$ 20,000$ | -560K-569,999 |
| :---: | :---: |
| - $\$ 20 \mathrm{~K}$-\$29,999 | -570K-579,999 |
| -530k-539,999 | -580K-599,999 |
| - 540 K - 549,999 | - 5100 K -5149,999 |
| D\$50k-\$59,999 | - \$150,000 or m |

22. What is your ethnicity? (Select all that apply)
White Hispanic Mixed
Black Asian Other

Enter the drawing for a 2 -night stay at the Schlitterbalin Beach Resort Contact information is confidential and will be deleted after the crawing. Name
Phone number:
Email:
Winners will be notified no later than 2 weeks after event.

## Appendix B: Respondent's zip or postal code and frequency of response and zip code map

| 35104 | 78504 | 78538 | 78552 | 78573 | 78597 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 54481 | 78516 | 78539 | 78552 | 78574 | 78741 |
| 75051 | 78516 | 78539 | 78552 | 78574 | 78749 |
| 77021 | 78516 | 78539 | 78552 | 78574 | 89002 |
| 77096 | 78517 | 78539 | 78552 | 78574 | 89012 |
| 77384 | 78520 | 78539 | 78552 | 78574 | 89074 |
| 77487 | 78520 | 78539 | 78552 | 78575 | 89156 |
| 77550 | 78520 | 78539 | 78552 | 78576 |  |
| 78108 | 78520 | 78539 | 78552 | 78576 |  |
| 78133 | 78520 | 78539 | 78552 | 78577 |  |
| 78217 | 78520 | 78539 | 78552 | 78577 |  |
| 78217 | 78520 | 78542 | 78552 | 78577 |  |
| 78223 | 78521 | 78542 | 78552 | 78577 |  |
| 78239 | 78521 | 78542 | 78552 | 78578 |  |
| 78242 | 78521 | 78542 | 78557 | 78578 |  |
| 78337 | 78521 | 78542 | 78559 | 78578 |  |
| 78351 | 78521 | 78543 | 78559 | 78578 |  |
| 78412 | 78521 | 78543 | 78560 | 78582 |  |
| 78418 | 78521 | 78547 | 78561 | 78583 |  |
| 78452 | 78521 | 78550 | 78566 | 78583 |  |
| 78501 | 78521 | 78550 | 78566 | 78586 |  |
| 78501 | 78521 | 78550 | 78566 | 78586 |  |
| 78501 | 78521 | 78550 | 78566 | 78586 |  |
| 78501 | 78521 | 78550 | 78566 | 78586 |  |
| 78501 | 78521 | 78550 | 78566 | 78586 |  |
| 78501 | 78526 | 78550 | 78566 | 78586 |  |
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| 78501 | 78526 | 78550 | 78566 | 78586 |  |
| 78501 | 78526 | 78550 | 78566 | 78589 |  |
| 78501 | 78526 | 78550 | 78566 | 78589 |  |
| 78503 | 78526 | 78550 | 78570 | 78589 |  |
| 78503 | 78526 | 78550 | 78570 | 78589 |  |
| 78503 | 78526 | 78550 | 78570 | 78596 |  |
| 78504 | 78526 | 78550 | 78572 | 78596 |  |
| 78504 | 78526 | 78551 | 78572 | 78596 |  |
| 78504 | 78526 | 78551 | 78572 | 78596 |  |
| 78504 | 78526 | 78552 | 78572 | 78596 |  |
| 78504 | 78537 | 78552 | 78572 | 78596 |  |
| 78504 | 78538 | 78552 | 78572 | 78596 |  |
| 78504 | 78538 | 78552 | 78573 | 78597 |  |



## 2018 SPI Mariachi Run

## \$25,000 <br> CVB Investment

## \$67,721

Total Spending
\$197 spending per household

## Event

## Attendance

850 attendees
343 households
78 room nights


## City tax share

10.5\% Lodging = \$1,876

2\% F\&B sales tax = \$392
$\underline{2 \%}$ Other sales tax $=\$ 473$
Total = \$2,741
2.48 visitors per household
. 62 nights spent on SPI

Total tax ROI =-89.0\% Lodging only ROI =-92.5\%

## SPI Experience

net promoter score
77.9
likely to recommend South Padre Island
$93.4 \% \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Likely to } \\ & \text { return }\end{aligned}$
$96.7 \%$ Sintifisd
$93.4 \%$ Silitied

## CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Marisa Amaya, Event Development \& Packaging Manager
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion and action to approve funding request for Veteran's Day Weekend.

ITEM BACKGROUND

2019 South Padre Island Veteran's Day Program is requesting $\$ 20,000$.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

LEGAL REVIEW

Sent to Legal:
YES: $\qquad$ NO: $\qquad$
Approved by Legal:
YES: $\qquad$ NO: $\qquad$
Comments:

## RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Recommend the Special Events Committee approve a funding amount.

## APPLICATION FOR INITIAL FUNDING

Today's Date: 6/28/2018

## ORGANIZATON INFORMATION

Name of Organization: SPI Veteran s Day Program
Address: 7355 Padre Blvd
City, State, Zip: South Padre Island, TX 78597
Contact Name: Marisa Amaya Contact Office Phone Number: 956-761-300(
Contact Cell Phone Number: 956-761-3000
Web Site Address for Event or Sponsoring Entity www.sopadre.com
Non-Profit or For-Profit status: Non-Profit Tax ID \#: $\qquad$
Entity's Creation Date: 2018
Purpose of your organization:
Provide family friendly entertainment with a focus on multi day events
in support of the City s Veteran s Day program.
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## EVENT INFORMATION

Name of Events or Project: SPI Veteran s Day Program
Date of Event or Project: November 2019
Primary Location of Event or Project: SPI Convention Center
Amount Requested: $\$ \underline{20,000}$

## Primary Purpose of Funded Activity/Facility:

Generate overnight stays as part of a larger weekend supporting Veteran s Day.
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How will the hotel tax funds be used: (please attach a list of the hotel tax funded expenditures) Guest speakers, food and beverage, musical entertainment, Veteran s Day Parade and children sactivities.

There will also be two race events a rucksack march and Veteran s run.
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## Percentage of Hotel Tax Support of Related Costs

100 Percentage of Total Event Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax
Percentage of Total Annual Facility Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event
Percentage of Annual Staff Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event

If staff costs are covered, estimate percentage of time staff spends annually on the funded event(s) compared to other activities \%

Are you asking for any cost reductions for city facility rentals or city services, and if so, please quantify and explain:
City to provide EMS/ POLICE / TRAFFIC CONTROL
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## Which Category or Categories Apply to Funding Request \& Amount Requested Under Each Category:

a) Convention Center or Visitor Information Center: construction, improvement, equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
b) Registration of Convention Delegates: furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
c) Advertising, Solicitations, Promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
d) Promotion of the Arts that Directly Enhance Tourism and the Hotel \& Convention Industry: the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts that can be shown to have some direct impact on tourism and the hotel/convention industry. The impact may be that the art facility or event can show hotel nights that are booked due to their events or that guest at hotels attend the arts event. Eligible forms of art include instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture photography, graphic and craft arts, motion picture, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms: \$ $\qquad$
e) Historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitation and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
f) Expenses including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event in which the majority of participants are tourists. The event must substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity.
Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
How many attendees are expected to come to the sporting related event? 500
How many of the attendees at the sporting related event are expected to be from another city or county? 400

Quantify how the sporting related event will substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity?
Bringing business to hotels and restaurants the weekend of the event.
g) Funding transportation systems for transporting tourists from hotels to and near the city to any of the following destinations: 1) the commercial center of the city; 2) a convention center in the city; 3) other hotels in or near the city; and 4) tourist attractions in or near the city. Please note that the ridership of any such transportation must be primarily tourists to qualify for hotel tax funding.

Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$

What sites or attractions will tourists be taken to by this transportation?
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Will members of the general public (non-tourists) be riding on this transportation? $\qquad$
What percentage of the ridership will be local citizens? $\qquad$
h) Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the municipality.

Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
What tourist attractions will be the subject of the signs?
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How many years have you held this Event or Project: 1
Expected Attendance: 500

How many people attending the Event or Project will use South Padre Island lodging establishments? 75

How many nights do you anticipate the majority of the tourists will stay: $\qquad$
Do you reserve a room block for this event at an area hotel and if so, for how many rooms and at which hotels:
South Padre Island CVB will package this event with local hotels.

List other years (over the last three years) that you have hosted your Event or Project with amount of assistance given from HOT and the number of hotel rooms used:

| Month/Year Held |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2018 | Assistance Amount | N15,000 | Number of Hotel Rooms Used <br> tbd |

How will you measure the impact of your event on area hotel activity (e.g.; room block usage information, survey of hoteliers, etc.)?
Survey and Room block information

Please list other organization, government entities, and grants that have offered financial support to your project: N/A

Will the event charge admission? NO
Do you anticipate a net profit from the event? No

If there is a net profit, what is the anticipated amount and how will it be used?
Event fees will be consistent year over year.
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All marketing and promotions will be coordinated through the CVA's agency, unless exempted from this requirement by the Executive Director, in which case all creative must be pre-approved by the Executive Director (or designee) and payments will be on a reimbursement basis. Please list all promotion efforts your organization is planning and the amount estimated for each media outlet:

- Newspaper:
- Radio:
- TV:
- Website, Social Media:
- Other Paid Advertising:
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\$
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\$ 5,000
\$
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Anticipated Number of Press Releases to Media: $\qquad$
Anticipated Number Direct Mailings to out-of-town recipients: $\qquad$
Other Promotions: $\qquad$

A link to the CVB must be included on your promotional handouts and in your website for booking hotel nights during this event. Are you able to comply? $\square \checkmark$ Yes $\square$ No

Will you negotiate a special rate or hotel/event package to attract overnight stays? Yes
[If we have a tour operator, we will require them to use that service.]

What other marketing initiatives are you planning to promote hotel and convention activity for this event?

What geographic areas does your event reach?
RGV, Austin, San Antonio, Dallas

If the funding requested is related to a permanent facility (e.g. museum, visitor center):

- Expected Visitation by Tourists Monthly/Annually: $\qquad$
- Percentage of those who visit the facility who indicate they are staying at area hotels/lodging facilities: $\qquad$ \% (use a visitor log that asks them to check a box if they are staying at an area lodging facility)

What amount of event insurance do you have for your event and who is the carrier: TML
[Insert South Padre Island Minimum Event Insurance Coverage Minimums and duty to list South Padre Island as an added insured]

Any marketing for the event must be consistent with the brand image for South Padre Island and all such marketing pieces that are funded with hotel tax must be coordinated and developed by the South Padre Island CVB marketing agency. Are you able to comply?



Where appropriate, the CVB will require access to event participant database information that will show zip code data to measure likely impact from the funded event.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION:

Along with the application, please submit the following:


Submit to complete applications to:
Marisa Amaya
Event Development \& Packaging Manager
Convention and Visitors Advisory Board
C/O City of South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau
7355 Padre Blvd.
South Padre Island, TX 78597
Phone: (956) 761-3834
Email: marisa@sopadre.com

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## The City of South Padre Island



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, November 9th
1 p.m. - Unveiling of Dedication Bench @ Thompkins Park
Saturday, November 10th
7 a.m. - Veterans/Pro Golf Tournament @ SPI Golf Course
2 p.m. - Veterans Day City Program @ SPI Convention Center Guest Speaker: Gordon R. England
Served as U.S. Secretary of the Navy, 1st Secretary for Homeland Security, Deputy Secretary of Defense \& Acting Secretary of Defense Music by Pelican West \& food provided by Hilton Garden Inn

8 p.m. - Blacklight Run
Sunday, November 11th 10 a.m. - GoRuck Race
10 a.m. - Veterans Day Eco Tour @ Breakaway Cruises 8 p.m. - Veterans Day Country Concert @ The Greens

Monday, November 12th
10 a.m. - Flag Retirement Ceremony @ SPI Convention Center

For more information contact:
SPI Convention \& Visitor's Bureau - (956) 761-3000
SPI Visitor's Center - (956) 761-6433
www.sopadre.com

## UTRGV Business \& Tourism Research Center <br> 2018 Veterans Day

## Weekend

## Attendance

1,850 attendees
718 households
431 room nights
$-27.1 \%$ change in event days YoY occupancy


## DEMOGRAPHICS

Average age 39
Average Income:
55.0\%
$\$ 50,000$ or more

## \$15,000 <br> \$361,079

CVB Investment
Total Spending
\$503
spending per
household

2.48 visitors per household
1.35 nights spent on SPI

## City tax share

Total tax ROI = 30.5\%
Lodging only ROI = 8.3\%

## SPI Experience

NET PROMOTER SCORE
88. 6 likely to recommend South Padre Island
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# Event Economic Impact Report 

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## Executive Summary and Survey Highlights

SPI Veterans Day Weekend took place at various venues throughout South Padre Island from Friday, November $9^{\text {th }}$ through Monday, November $12^{\text {th }}$ 2018. The eight events at seven different locations ranged from a bench dedication, runs to a country concert with Whiskey D. The weekend was created as "a weekend long, family-friendly event to honor and celebrate our veterans."

To examine the spending of Veterans Day Weekend attendees on SPI, a short survey incentivized with the opportunity to enter a drawing to win two nights at Schlitterbahn Beach Resort was conducted. The survey was administered onsite for 98 completed questionnaires resulting in 45 useable responses from unique households on the Island specifically for the event.

On average, event study respondents were predominately married (60.5\%) females (55.8\%), had an average age of 39 years, had at least some type of college degree (41.9\%), worked full-time (64.3\%), were primarily Hispanic ( $72.1 \%$ ) and $55.0 \%$ had an average annual income above $\$ 50,000$. Survey respondents were primarily from the US (93.0\%) with $4.7 \%$ from Mexico. On average, household participants traveled an average of 200 miles with an average of 2.58 people and spent 1.35 nights on SPI during the event.

Most survey respondents are considered promoters of the Island to others (93.2\%), resulting in an excellent net promoter score of 88.6. Most respondents are satisfied with the Island experience (95.6\%) and the event (91.1\%) and are likely to return to SPI for a future vacation (97.8\%).

Importantly, the survey analysis found that the 718 household groups attended Veterans Day Weekend and spent an estimated weighted average of $\$ 503$ per household while on the Island for a total spending of $\$ 361,079$. Of this spending, lodging is the highest per household expenditure category with $44 \%$ of study respondents spending at least one night on the Island in paid lodging and staying an average of 1.35 nights. This resulted in about 431 total room nights, most of which were spent in hotels.

With the average weighted lodging expenditure of $\$ 503$ per household that spent the night on the Island, a total of $\$ 180,960$ was spent on lodging. Of this amount, $17 \%$ or $\$ 26,293$ was for the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT), and $10.5 \%$, or about $\$ 16,240$, is the City's share of the HOT. Moreover, the estimated total spending on food and beverages of $\$ 65,627$ included about $\$ 5,002$ in taxes at the $8.25 \%$ rate or $\$ 1,213$ at the City $2 \%$ tax
rate. Other types of expenditures, such as clothing, nightlife and entertainment amounted to $\$ 114,493$, of which $\$ 8,726$ was sales taxes, with $\$ 2,115$ the City's share. In total, the $\$ 361,079$ spent during Veterans Day Weekend resulted in \$40,021 in tax revenue with $\$ 19,568$ the City's share. This represents a return to the City of $\$ 4,568$ for a $30.5 \%$ gain on the $\$ 15,000$ cash investment made by the CVB in Veterans Day Weekend as shown in the table.

Summary of Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

| KPI | Result | Description of KPI | Page |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| CVB investment | $\$ 15,000$ | Amount of funding provided by CVB to event <br> promoter | P1 |
| Total spending | $\$ 361,079$ | Total spent by event households | Table 1, P7 |
| Average spent per <br> household | $\$ 503$ | Weighted average spent per household | Table 1, P7 |
| Number of <br> households | 718 | Number of households at event | Figure 3, P5 |
| Number in <br> household | 2.58 | Number of people in household group at event | Figure 3, P5 |
| Nights on SPI | 1.35 | Average number of nights spent on SPI | Figure 3, P5 |
| Lodging tax | $\$ 16,240$ | City share of HOT revenue: 10.5\% of 17\% HOT | Table 2, P8 |
| F\&B sales tax | $\$ 1,213$ | City share of total tax collected from F\&B <br> spending: 2\% of 8.25\% of total sales tax | Table 2, P8 |
| Other sales tax | $\$ 2,115$ | City share of total sales tax revenue | Table 2, P8 |
| Total City tax share | $\$ 19,568$ | Total City tax revenue from event | Table 2, P8 |
| Total tax ROI | $30.5 \%$ | Return on CVB investment considering all taxes | Table 2, P8 |
| Lodging only ROI | $8.3 \%$ | Return on CVB investment considering HOT only | Table 2, P8 |
| Net Promoter Score | 88.6 | Measure of customer loyalty; calculated as <br> identified promoters less detractors | Figure 6, p9 |
| Likely to return | $97.8 \%$ | Percent somewhat or extremely likely to return <br> to SPI | Figure 7, p9 |
| Satisfied with the SPI | $95.6 \%$ | Percent satisfied with the SPI experience | Figure 8, P9 |
| Satisfied with event | $91.1 \%$ | Percent satisfied with event | Figure 9, p10 |

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## Veterans Day Weekend

## Introduction

SPI Veterans Day Weekend included eight different events across seven different venues throughout South Padre Island from Friday, November $9^{\text {th }}$ through Monday, November $12^{\text {th }} 2018$. Altogether, the events were created as "a weekend long, family-friendly event to honor and celebrate our veterans." The schedule of events and places was:

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, November 9, 2018
1 p.m. - Unveiling of Dedication Bench @ Tompkins Park
2 p.m. - Mobi-Mat Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Beach Circle, Access \#4
Saturday, November 10, 2018
7 a.m. - Order of the Purple Heart Veterans Golf Tournament @ SPI Golf Course
2 p.m. - Veterans Day City Program @ SPI Convention Centre
Guest Speaker Gordon R. England: Served as U.S. Secretary of the Navy, 1st Secretary for Homeland Security, Deputy Secretary of Defense \& Acting Secretary of Defense

8 p.m. - Black Light Run @ Clayton's Beach Bar \& Grill
Sunday, November 11, 2018
10 a.m. - GORUCK Light @ Schlitterbahn
10 a.m. - Veterans Day Eco-Tour @ Breakaway Cruises
6 p.m. - FREE Veterans Day Country Concert featuring Whiskey D @ The Greens
Monday, November 12, 2018
10 a.m. - Flag Retirement Ceremony @ SPI Convention Centre

The event was sponsored by the South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau and was funding at $\$ 15,000$ by the CVB.

## Method

## Interviews

To estimate the economic impact of the 2018 Veterans Day Weekend, UTRGV interviewers conducted a survey (see Appendix A) among event attendees at the times and venues as recommended to reach the most attendees. SPI promotional items and a chance to win two nights at Schlitterbahn Beach Resort were offered as incentives to help recruit respondents.

To conduct the interviews, a total of 23 trained interviewers, a people counter, a drone operator and the project manager attended three different SPI Veterans Day Weekend events/venues:

* Saturday, November 10—1:00pm to 3:30pm— Veterans Day City Program at the SPI Convention Centre
* Saturday, November 10-6:00pm to 8:00pm— Blacklight Run at Clayton’s Beach Bar \& Grill
* Sunday, November 11-5:00pm to 8:00pm—Veterans Day Country Concert at The Greens

Interviewers were highly visible by wearing bright orange t-shirts and visors and randomly approached potential
 respondents in a professional manner and administered the paper survey on clipboards to facilitate survey administration with the data to be entered into an online link later by the interview team. The onsite interviews yielded 98 completed responses; however, a number of responses were eliminated as follows:


* 1 were completed by another responding household member;
$\star 35$ were from respondents not on the Island for the event; and,
$\star 14$ were from respondents who live within ten miles.

The result is 45 useable questionnaires for analysis. The sample population is about 718 households who passed by the interviewers. With 98 completed surveys, the completed responses rate is about $13.7 \%$.

## Estimated attendance

Knowing the number of people attending any event is crucial to estimating the economic impact of the event. Accordingly, the research team manually counted attendance during the times they were at the different venues via a manual hand counter as follows:

* 68 adults by 2:15pm at the 2:00pm Veterans Day City Program at the Convention Centre;
* 950 adults and 101 children by 8:00pm at the Blacklight Run at Clayton's Beach Bar \& Grill;
* 40 were counted at the Country Concert on The Greens.

The event sponsor reported that 40 people had registered for
 the GoRuck March, 40 had registered for the Golf Tournament and that 2,488 unduplicated names had registered for the Blacklight Run. Considering both the manual count at the Blacklight Run and that the inclement weather likely reduced the actual number of Blacklight Run attendees, an estimated attendance at that event was likely half way between the number registered and the actual count or 1,770 Blacklight event attenders. By adding an estimated 80 likely unduplicated attenders of the other events, we estimate that 1,850 different people attended at least one of the eight 2018 SPI Veterans Day Weekend events.

The appropriate unit of analysis, however, is 'the household' since spending questions are asked about household expenditures rather than individual expenditures. To determine the number of households at the event, the total number of attendees (1850) is
 divided by the average household size (2.58) as found in the survey (see Figure 3) to determine that 718 households were at the two venues of the event.

## Results

## Survey participants travel and SPI stay characteristics

In all, 45 useable surveys were completed by people specifically on South Padre Island for 2018 SPI Veterans Day Weekend. Survey respondents were first asked to indicate their role or participation type in the event. Figure 1 shows that by far, most of the respondents surveyed (55.6\%) were registered for the event while (28.9\%) were event spectators. The remaining


Figure 1. Participation type event participants were event sponsor/vendors (0.0\%) or volunteer/staff (6.7\%).

In addition to participation type, respondents were asked to indicate which of the eight events they attended. The results in Figure 2 show that the event attracting the most attendees by far was the Blacklight Run. This result should not apply to the population of event attenders since a greater proportion of respondents relative to the event size were from the City Program and the Country Concert events.


Figure 2. Events attended

Next, respondents indicated how many people were in their household while at the event, the number of nights spent and the number of miles traveled to the event. The number of people reported in the household for the event ranged from 1 to 7 for an average of 2.58 as seen in Figure 3. Data featured in Figure 3 also shows that, on average, study participants traveled 200 miles to attend the event, although distances traveled ranged from 10 to 3000 miles and spent an average of 1.35 nights on SPI for the event with a range of 0 to 13 nights spent on SPI.


Figure 3. Average miles traveled, group size and NIGHTS SPENT

Note that some respondents were apparently Winter Texans and reported spending from 90 days to 150 days. These responses, were deleted as outliers because their responses would have significantly and inappropriately skewed results.

Figure 4 breaks down the percent of respondents by number of nights spent on SPI and shows that $32.5 \%$ of respondents did not spend the night on SPI. Of those spending the night, most respondents spent one (42.5\%) or two nights (10.0\%) although $10.0 \%$ spent 3 nights on the Island. One (2.5\%) spent more than five nights on SPI for the event.


Figure 4. Percentage spending the night on SPI
Figure 5 shows the types of lodging used. While most, (33.3\%) of event attenders, did not spend the night on the Island, of those who did, $33.3 \%$ spent the night in a hotel/motel room, $8.9 \%$ rented a condominium or beach house, $8.9 \%$ stayed with family or friends, and $2.2 \%$ stayed in their own SPI residence.

With 44\% (Table 1, p6) of the estimated 718 households spending an average of 1.35 nights (Figure 3, p5) on the Island, the Veterans Day Weekend event should have resulted in 431 room nights.


Figure 5. Type of lodging

- Veterans Day Weekend attendees accounted for 431 room nights.


## Estimated spending

Study respondents were asked to indicate how much money they spent in various expenditure categories. All reported expenditure amounts were assumed to include sales taxes except that lodging was assumed to be stated without HOT so was adjusted upward by $17 \%$, the HOT rate. The total average reported expenditure by category was then multiplied times the percentage of respondents who reported spending in that expense category to arrive at the average weighted spending per expense category.

Results in Table 1 indicate the average amount spent on lodging, as adjusted by 17\%, was $\$ 567$ with a weighted average of $\$ 252$ considering that $44 \%$ of respondents spent money on lodging for a total of $\$ 180,960$. Average spending on food and beverages was $\$ 125$, with a weighted average of $\$ 91$, for a total category spending of $\$ 21,197$, including sales taxes. The total spent on all other categories was \$114,493. In total, 718 event households spent a weighted average of $\$ 503$ for a total SPI spending of $\$ 361,079$.

## Table 1. Total average weighted spending

| Expenditure category | Total <br> average | \% spending <br> in category | Weighted <br> spending per HH | Total spending <br> per HH |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Food \& Beverages | $\$ 125$ | $73 \%$ | $\$ 91$ | $\$ 65,627$ |
| Night life | $\$ 93$ | $40 \%$ | $\$ 37$ | $\$ 26,554$ |
| Lodging | $\$ 567$ | $44 \%$ | $\$ 252$ | $\$ 180,960$ |
| Attraction entertainment | $\$ 77$ | $20 \%$ | $\$ 15$ | $\$ 11,004$ |
| Retail | $\$ 89$ | $33 \%$ | $\$ 30$ | $\$ 21,211$ |
| Transportation | $\$ 56$ | $69 \%$ | $\$ 39$ | $\$ 27,670$ |
| Parking | $\$ 11$ | $38 \%$ | $\$ 4$ | $\$ 3,030$ |
| Admission fees | $\$ 21$ | $18 \%$ | $\$ 4$ | $\$ 2,711$ |
| Clothing | $\$ 89$ | $22 \%$ | $\$ 20$ | $\$ 14,114$ |
| Groceries | $\$ 64$ | $18 \%$ | $\$ 11$ | $\$ 8,197$ |
| Other | $\$ 0$ | $2 \%$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
| Total | $\$ 1,191$ |  | $\$ 503$ | $\$ 361,079$ |

The estimated direct spending on South Padre Island as attributed to the 2018 SPI Veterans Day Weekend is \$361,079, within a 9.2\% confidence interval of plus or minus $\$ 33,219$ given the assumptions of a random sample selection.

## Tax benefits of spending during event

To calculate the tax revenue accruing from event attendee spending, the following tax rates are assumed:

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\star 17% hotel occupancy tax rate;
\star 10.5% City's share of the hotel occupancy tax rate;
\star 8.25% sales tax on all non-lodging spending;
\star 2% is the City's share of non-lodging sales tax.
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The spending reported in Table 1 should result in the tax revenues shown in Table 2. Total spending on lodging should result in total tax revenue of $\$ 26,293$ with the City's share at $10.5 \%$ totaling $\$ 16,240$. Total spending on food and beverages should result in $\$ 5,002$ in tax revenue with $\$ 1,213$ the City's share while total spending in all other expense categories should yield $\$ 8,726$ in sales tax revenue with $\$ 2,115$ the City's share. Altogether, the tax revenue should be $\$ 40,021$ with $\$ 19,568$ the City's share. The gain from the City's share of the hotel tax alone on the $\$ 15,000$ invested in the event is $8.3 \%$ but is $30.5 \%$ considering the City's share of all the tax revenue.

Table 2. Spending, tax revenue and ROI

| Spending <br> category | Amount <br> spent | Total <br> HOT | Total <br> sales tax | City's \% <br> share | City's \$ <br> share | ROI |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Lodging | $\$ 180,960$ | $17 \%$ | $\$ 26,293$ | $10.50 \%$ | $\$ 16,240$ | $8.3 \%$ |
| Food \& Beverage | $\$ 65,627$ | $8.25 \%$ | $\$ 5,002$ | $2 \%$ | $\$ 1,213$ |  |
| All nonlodging | $\$ 114,493$ | $8.25 \%$ | $\$ 8,726$ | $2 \%$ | $\$ 2,115$ |  |
| Totals | $\$ 361,079$ |  | $\mathbf{\$ 4 0 , 0 2 1}$ |  | $\mathbf{\$ 1 9 , 5 6 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 5 \%}$ |

Total spending of 2018 SPI Veterans Day Weekend attendees resulted in an estimate tax revenue of $\$ \mathbf{4 0 , 0 2 1}$, with $\$ 19,568$ going to the City of South Padre Island. With an investment of $\$ 15,000$ in the event, the return to the City is $8.3 \%$ considering only the $10.5 \%$ share of HOT but $30.5 \%$ considering all the City's estimated tax revenue share.

## The SPI Experience

The next section of the survey asked Veterans Day Weekend attendees about their stay on SPI. In this section, the "net promoter" question was used to determine how likely survey respondents are to recommend SPI as a place to visit to friends or colleagues.

The results, shown in Figure 6, indicate that most study respondents (93.2\%) are promoters of SPI while a few (4.5\%) are detractors. This yields a net promoter score (NPS) of 88.6, which is excellent. For example, the hotel industry has a NPS of 39 (www.netpromoter.com/compare).

Respondents were asked how likely they are to return to SPI and how satisfied they were with the event. As seen in Figure 7, by far most respondents ( $97.8 \%$ ) are likely to return to the Island at some time in the future.

Respondents were also asked to indicate their satisfaction with the SPI experience and with the event. Result shown in Figure 8 indicate that 95.6\% were satisfied with the SPI experience and that $2.2 \%$ were dissatisfied with SPI.


Figure 6. Net promoter score

Most respondents ( $91.1 \%$ ) were also satisfied with the Veterans Day Weekend event and only $4.4 \%$ reported being dissatisfied with the event as seen in Figure 9.


Figure 9. Satisfaction with event

## NOTE: Respondents were asked to provide suggestions for improving their stay on

 SPI. The unedited comments are as follows:- Parking
- Weather
- Better communication in parking lot especially for handicap. I am limited in my eyesight and parking did not help
- Good
- Its good
- More powder experience, powder gun
- Parking
- Stop bringing local acts and/or acts that country/tejano, it is already prevalent in this area. Don't schedule outside events during the cold season. And, you need less people working on surveys and more on improving the community.


## Respondent Demographics

The remainder of the study assessed respondent demographic characteristics.
Targeted survey respondents were those $18+$ years and the average age of all respondents was 39 year-of-age with ages ranging from 18 to 66 .

Most respondents were female (55.8\%), a majority were married (60.5\%) and most had some type of college degree (41.9\%) as shown in Figures 10 through 12, respectively.


Figure 11. Gender


Figure 12. Marital status


Figure 10. Educational attainment

Most study respondents work full-time (64.3\%), although 19.0\% work part-time and $7.1 \%$ are retired as seen in Figure 13.


Figure 13. Employment status

Most Veterans Day Weekend study participants reported having a higher-than-average household income level: 55.0\% indicated an annual household income above \$50,000 (Figure 14).


Figure 14. Household income level

Respondents were also asked to indicate their ethnicity but could select as many ethnicities as appropriate. Results in Figure 15 show that $72.1 \%$ of respondents considered themselves Hispanic while 18.6\% indicated being White.


Figure 15. Ethnicity

Finally, respondents were asked to indicate their home country and current residence zip/postal code. Most respondents reported the United States as their home country (93.0\%) and 4.7\% indicated being from Mexico as shown in Figure 16.


Figure 16. Home country
Specific zip or postal codes of study respondents and of study participants are shown and mapped in Appendix B.

## STR Report

Additional data to provide evidence about the impact of an event on the SPI economy comes from the STR Destination Report provided to the SPI CVB. STR is a "global data benchmarking, analytics and marketplace insights" firm that gathers, analyzes and reports data from hotel owners/operators for benchmarking purposes. The Report includes data regarding hotel occupancy, average daily rate (ADR), revenue per available room (RevPAR), supply, demand, and revenue as provided by reporting SPI hotel owner/operators for last year as compared to this year. This data may be viewed in two ways. One way is to examine the trends over the past month to determine whether the hotel metrics changed because of event as compared to the rest of the month and the other way is to compare the metrics during the event time period to those of the same time period in the previous year.

SPI Veterans Day Weekend was held from Friday, November $10^{\text {th }}$ through Monday, November $12^{\text {th }}$. This means that most event attendees who spent the night on SPI would have done so on Friday through Sunday night, although the peak night would have been Saturday night with the well-attended Blacklight Run. The following figures show the hotel metrics for the Friday-Saturday period (the month trend) for this year as well as for the same period as last year (the year trend).

The occupancy rate for the two-day period this year was 51.8\%, as compared to 77.7\% last year, which is $27.1 \%$ below the same day-period last year. This year's event period was above the week average ( $49.1 \%$ ) as well as for 28 -day rate of $46.1 \%$.as seen in Figure 17.


Figure 17. STR occupancy rates by day and year

The average daily rate (ADR) of rooms for this year's event period was \$ \$81.00, -10.7\% lower than room rates compared to $\$ 90.70$, the same time period last year. The average room rate for this year's event period was also lower than the rate for the week $(\$ 84.60)$ and higher than the 28-day period ( $\$ 86.69$ ) as shown in Figure 18.


Figure 18. Average daily rate

Figure 19 shows the revenue per available room (RevPAR) for the same year/monthlong time period. The average RevPAR for the two nights of the event was \$41.96, which is $-35.0 \% \%$ below last year's same-period average of $\$ 64.53$. This year's RevPAR, however, was above the average week rate (\$41.50) and this year's 28 day-period rate of $\$ 39.93$.


Figure 19. STR RevPar by day and year

Similar to the other trends, the demand trend in Figure 20 shows a decline this year over last year. Room demand for this year's event period was 1,408 rooms as compared to last year's same 2-day period of 1,932 rooms, a decline of $-27.1 \%$. However, room demand during event nights was above the daily average demand for the month $(1,251)$ and for the week $(1,333)$.


Figure 20. STR demand trends by day and year

Total lodging revenue for this year's event-period was also lower than last year's by $35.0 \%$. This year's Veterans Day Weekend nights revenue averaged $\$ 114,010$ whereas last year's same-days revenue was $\$ 175,324$ as seen in Figure 21. The average revenue is higher, however, than this year's 28-day-long average revenue $(\$ 108,481)$ or last year's (\$111,721).


Figure 21. STR revenue trends by day and year


Figure 22. STR hotel trend data 2-day comparison

Finally, Figure 22 summarizes the percent change in hotel occupancy, ADR, RevPAR, demand and revenue for the nights that Veterans Day Weekend attendees would have spent the night on the Island. All the metrics examined for the two-night period were significantly lower this year than last year.

The STR data suggests that SPI Veterans Day Weekend had could have resulted in an increase in lodging occupancy and rates over the week or month period but was still below the metrics for the same day-period as last year. The weather during this year's SPI Veterans Day Weekend was rainy and cool and may have had an impact on attendance at the event and intention to stay on the Island. In addition, other events held during the same day-period last year may have resulted in higher than normal STR metrics last year.

Note: The STR data is derived from 11 hotel owner/operator reporting data for this year and last year. This represents $35.5 \%$ of the census of 31 open hotels listed in the STR Census and $48.4 \%$ of the hotel rooms listed, thus all results should be interpreted accordingly without a high degree of assurances of generalizability.

## Concluding remarks

This report has detailed the amount of money spent on South Padre Island during Veterans Day Weekend from Friday, November $9^{\text {th }}$ through Monday, November $12^{\text {th }}$ 2018. The event was created as "a weekend long, family-friendly event to honor and celebrate our veterans" and consisted of eight different events over seven different locations. The results of the study were obtained by administering a short onsite survey, which offered respondents an incentive to enter a drawing to win two nights at Schlitterbahn Beach Resort. A total of 98 completed surveys resulted in 45 useable responses for the analysis.

Demographically, the study sample was comprised of predominately of married females who were an average of years-of-age, had at least some college education, were employed full-time, had a household income above $\$ 50,000$, identify ethnically Hispanic and were from the US. The average household came to the event with 2.58 people, had traveled an average of 200 miles and $44 \%$ spent the night on SPI for an average of 1.35 nights.

By combining the count of people at the event and survey results, event attendees generated an estimate 431 SPI room nights. While STR data suggests that lodging metrics for the two major nights of the weekend of events were better than the same metrics for the week period and for the 28 -day period, all metrics for this weekend were below the same day-period as last year. With an average total weighted lodging expenditure per household of $\$ 252$ event attendees spent a total of $\$ 180,960$ on lodging, resulting in about $\$ 16,240$ in the City's share of the Hotel Tax revenue. Spending on food and beverages by event attendees was about $\$ 65,627$, which should yield $\$ 1,213$ to the City at a tax rate of $2 \%$. Total spending in other expenditure categories of $\$ 114,493$ should provide the City with $\$ 2,115$ in sales tax revenue. Altogether, Veterans Day Weekend participants spent $\$ 361,079$, generating $\$ 6,606$ in total sales tax with $\$ 19,568$ the City's share.

Considering only the City's share of the hotel tax revenue, the City gained \$1,240 or $8.3 \%$ on their $\$ 15,000$ investment. Considering all tax revenue from all spending, the City should receive $\$ 19,568$ in taxes for a total return of $\$ 4,568$ or a $30.5 \%$ on the cash investment provided to the event organizer.

In addition, most Veterans Days Weekend survey participants are "promoters" in recommending SPI to others, are likely or extremely likely to return to SPI for a future vacation and are satisfied with their overall SPI experience during the event. This means
that regardless of the event return on investment, the overall SPI and event experience of the attendees will likely result in some people returning to the Island for future vacations.

## Implications

Two significant implications resulted from the interviews conducted during Veterans Day Weekend. First, the Veterans Day Weekend consisted of a eight different events throughout the period from Friday, November $9^{\text {th }}$ through Monday, November $12^{\text {th }}$. While most of the events would most likely have appealed to older veterans, the Blacklight Run on Saturday evening was different. Held at Clayton's Beach Bar \& Grill, the Run was promoted as a run with a DJ and party from 4pm to 9pm, which favored a much younger crowd than would typically attend a Veterans Day event. The pictures shown on this page illustrate the different venues.


Thus while the data presented in this report are for all respondents at all three events the UTRGV team surveyed, a number of differences between the Blacklight Run attendees and attendees at the other two events were found as follows:

| Characteristic | Blacklight <br> run | Veterans <br> events |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Average miles traveled | 208 | 243 |
| Average number in <br> household | 3 | 3 |
| Nights stayed | 1 | 2 |
| Food | 113 | 173 |
| Lodging | 211 | 1343 |
| Average age | 37 | 48 |

The second implication of the Veterans Day Weekend event was related to the weather conditions and to the events themselves that limited the number of survey responses received. Importantly, the inclement weather likely affected attendance at all events. In addition, the City Program held at the Convention Centre involved speakers and a set itinerary that did not allow for interviews during the event out of curtesy to all. At the Blacklight Run, the pre-run music and dance was not conducive to interviews because of the music volume and because event attendees were dancing and could not have been interrupted while on the dance floor. Finally, weather conditions and issues with the sound system resulted in a premature halt to the Country Concert shortly after its intended start time.


## Appendix A: Survey

## SPI Veteran's Day Weekend Survey

This survey is to understand your household experience and spending during Veteran's Day Weekend. The one person, older than 18, best able to report on spending for all people in your household at the event should complete this survey- Responses are very important to planning future events. As a thank you, you may enter a drawing for a 2 -night stay at the schlitterbahn beach Resort. Responses are confidential and individual information will not be included in survey results or shared with others. Contact the Business and Tourism Rerearch center at UTRGV at businersresearchautrguedu or call 956.665 .2829 for questions.

1. Have you or someone else in your household already completed 10. On a scale from 0 -10, how likely are you to recommend south
this survey? DYes $\square$ No If yes, return this survey.
2. Did you come to South Padre Island specifically for Veteran's Weekend? $\square$ Yes $\square$ if no, return this survey. Thanks!
3. About how many miles did you travel to attend the event?
 miles
4. Which of the following best describes your participation in Veteran's Weekend (Check all that apply)?

| Registered participant |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Event volunteer/staff |  |
| spectator | Event sponsor/vendor |

$\square$ Did not attend other
5. Including yourself, how many people from your household attended the event? $\square$ Number in household
6. How many nights did you (or will you) spend on SOUTH PADRE ISLAND while attending Veteran's weekend? $\qquad$ nights
7. Where are you staying (or did stay) while on 5outh Padre Island for Veteran's Day Weekend?

| $\square$ Hotel/motel | Rented condo/beach house |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mypground/RV park | Rented a room |
| Mow spi residence |  |
| Friend/family residence (unpaid) |  |
| Nothding the nizht |  |

$\square$ Not spending the night $\square$ other (please specify)
8. Which Veteran"s events are you attend (check all that apply) Frider. $\square$ Bench Dedication
saturds: I Golf toumsment I Convention Centre program I slacklight Fun
Sunday: I Goruck a EcoTour I Country Concert
Mondes. $\square$ Flag retirement ceremony
9. Please give your best estimate of the total amount you and your household spent (or will spend) during your entire time on South Padre Island for Veteran's weekend?
(List only total dollar amounts spent on SPI)
Food \& beverages (restaurants, concessions, snacks, etc.)
Night clubs, lounges \& bars (cover charges, drinks, etc.)
Lodging expenses (hotel, motel, condo, room)
Local attractions \& entertainment

| (fishing, snorkeling, kayaking, etc.) | $\$$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Retail shopping (souvenirs, gifts, film, etc.) | $\$$ |
| Transportation (gas, oil, taxi, etc.) | $\$$ |
| Parking fees | $\$$ |
| SPI Admission fees | $\$$ |
| Clothing or accessories | $\$$ |
| Groceries | $\$$ |
| Other (please specify) | $\$$ |

Padre Island as a place to visit to a friend or colleague?
Not at all likely $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & \text { Extremely likely }\end{array}$
11. How likely are you to return to South Padre Island for a vacation at some time in the future?
$\square$ Extremely likely $\square$ somewhat likely Neutral Isomewhat unlikely Extremely unlikely
12. How satisfied are you with your overall south Padre Island experience?
$\square$ Extremely satisfied $\square$ Somewhat satisfied $\square$ Neutral ISomewhat dissatiafied $\square$ Extremely dissatiafied
13. How satisfied are you with Veteran's Day Weekend?
$\square$ Extremely araisfied Somewhat satisfied Neutral ISomewhat dissatisfied $\square$ Extremely dissatisfied
14. What suggestions do you have for improving Veteran's Weekend or your stay on South Padre Island? (write on back)
15. What is your home zip or postal code? $\qquad$ code
16. What is your home country?

- us $\square$ Mexico Canada Other $\qquad$

17. What is your age? $\qquad$ (years of age)
18. What is your gender? $\square$ Male $\square$ Female $\square$ Gender diverse
19. What is your marital status?
-Married Isingle Dwidowed DDivorced/separated
20. What is your highest educational attainment?

DLess than high school IAssociate's degree
$\square$ High school graduate Bachelor's degree
$\square$ some college, no degree DGraduate/profescional degree
21. What is your current employment status?
$\square$ Work full-time $\quad$ Retired within past year
$\square$ Work part-time Retired more than 1 year DUnemployed (looking for a job) Dother (Please specify)
22. What is your combined annual household income?

Dless than $\$ 20,000 \quad \square 60 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 69,999$
-\$20K-\$29,999 -570K- 579,999

- $\$ 30 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 39,999 \quad \square$ B6OK- $\$ 99,999$
$\square \$ 40 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 49,999 \quad \square 100 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 149,999$
- $\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 59,999$ \$ $\$ 150,000$ or more

23. What is your ethnicity? (Select all that apply) $\square$ White Hispanic Mixed
$\square$ Black Asian Other
Enter the drawing for a 2-might stay at the Schlitterbahn Bieach Resort. Contact information is confidential and will be deleted after the drawing.
Name
Phone number:
Email:
Winners will be notified no later than 1 week after event.

Appendix B: Respondent's zip or postal code and frequency of response and zip code map

| 49644 | 78510 | 78526 | 78550 | 78578 | 78596 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 55068 | 78516 | 78526 | 78550 | 78578 | 78597 |
| 55901 | 78520 | 78539 | 78550 | 78578 | 78597 |
| 58201 | 78520 | 78539 | 78557 | 78578 | 78597 |
| 61114 | 78520 | 78541 | 78566 | 78578 | 78597 |
| 61517 | 78520 | 78542 | 78570 | 78578 | 78599 |
| 76182 | 78521 | 78542 | 78572 | 78580 | 78599 |
| 76255 | 78521 | 78542 | 78572 | 78581 | 78599 |
| 78356 | 78521 | 78542 | 78574 | 78582 | 79095 |
| 78363 | 78521 | 78542 | 78574 | 78586 | 79705 |
| 78501 | 78521 | 78543 | 78575 | 78586 | 80129 |
| 78501 | 78524 | 78547 | 78577 | 78589 |  |
| 78504 | 78526 | 78550 | 78578 | 78596 |  |
| 78504 | 78526 | 78550 | 78578 | 78596 |  |
| 78504 | 78526 | 78550 | 78578 | 78596 |  |



## Appendix B: Respondent's zip or postal code and frequency of response and zip code map

| Zip Codes | Number | Zip <br> Codes | Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 32169 | 1 | 78343 | 1 |
| 32351 | 2 | 78351 | 1 |
| 40508 | 1 | 78363 | 11 |
| 51301 | 1 | 78364 | 2 |
| 51346 | 1 | 78373 | 3 |
| 55304 | 1 | 78374 | 2 |
| 57719 | 1 | 78379 | 1 |
| 72204 | 1 | 78380 | 1 |
| 75098 | 1 | 78382 | 1 |
| 75116 | 1 | 78383 | 1 |
| 75137 | 2 | 78387 | 1 |
| 75206 | 1 | 78390 | 1 |
| 75791 | 1 | 78404 | 1 |
| 76002 | 1 | 78405 | 1 |
| 76244 | 1 | 78408 | 1 |
| 76522 | 1 | 78410 | 3 |
| 77023 | 1 | 78411 | 2 |
| 77035 | 1 | 78412 | 8 |
| 77052 | 1 | 78413 | 6 |
| 77084 | 1 | 78414 | 4 |
| 77339 | 1 | 78415 | 3 |
| 77388 | 1 | 78416 | 1 |
| 77459 | 2 | 78418 | 7 |
| 77904 | 1 | 78480 | 1 |
| 78043 | 1 | 78501 | 56 |
| 78045 | 1 | 78502 | 3 |
| 78046 | 1 | 78503 | 22 |
| 78102 | 2 | 78504 | 81 |
| 78104 | 1 | 78505 | 1 |
| 78219 | 1 | 78516 | 15 |
| 78249 | 1 | 78520 | 121 |
| 78252 | 1 | 78521 | 104 |
| 78332 | 5 | 78523 | 3 |
| 78336 | 1 | 78526 | 149 |


| Zip Codes | Number |
| :---: | :---: |
| 78535 | 3 |
| 78536 | 2 |
| 78537 | 17 |
| 78538 | 8 |
| 78539 | 30 |
| 78540 | 1 |
| 78541 | 29 |
| 78542 | 32 |
| 78543 | 5 |
| 78544 | 1 |
| 78548 | 1 |
| 78549 | 3 |
| 78550 | 171 |
| 78552 | 100 |
| 78557 | 22 |
| 78559 | 24 |
| 78560 | 3 |
| 78566 | 50 |
| 78567 | 2 |
| 78568 | 3 |
| 78569 | 5 |
| 78570 | 19 |
| 78572 | 59 |
| 78573 | 30 |
| 78574 | 34 |
| 78575 | 9 |
| 78576 | 7 |
| 78577 | 47 |
| 78578 | 34 |
| 78579 | 5 |
| 78580 | 7 |
| 78582 | 13 |
| 78583 | 15 |
| 78586 | 101 |


| Zip |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Codes | Number |
| 78588 | 1 |
| 78589 | 17 |
| 78593 | 8 |
| 78596 | 47 |
| 78597 | 8 |
| 78599 | 25 |
| 78602 | 1 |
| 78605 | 1 |
| 78626 | 1 |
| 78660 | 1 |
| 78666 | 1 |
| 78696 | 1 |
| 78703 | 1 |
| 78717 | 1 |
| 78741 | 1 |
| 78751 | 1 |
| 78753 | 1 |
| 78759 | 2 |
| 78850 | 1 |
| 78852 | 1 |
| 79543 | 1 |
| 79572 | 1 |
| 79595 | 1 |
| 86002 | 1 |
| 87380 | 1 |
| 87458 | 1 |
| 87496 | 1 |
| 87510 | 1 |
| 91706 | 1 |
| 92844 | 1 |
| 93245 | 1 |
| 98597 | 1 |
| $1 A 0$ | 1 |
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| 1 |  |



## CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Marisa Amaya, Event Development \& Packaging Manager
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion and action to approve funding request for the Holiday Lights Over Padre Weekend.

ITEM BACKGROUND

2019 Holiday Lights Over Padre Weekend is requesting \$27,000.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

LEGAL REVIEW

Sent to Legal:
Approved by Legal:
YES: $\qquad$
NO: $\qquad$

NO: $\qquad$
Comments:

## RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Recommend the Special Events Committee approve a funding amount.

## APPLICATION FOR INITIAL FUNDING

Today's Date: 6/28/2018

## ORGANIZATON INFORMATION

Name of Organization: SPI Holiday Lights over South Padre Weekend
Address: 7355 Padre Blvd
City, State, Zip: South Padre Island, TX 78597_
Contact Name: Marisa Amaya Contact Office Phone Number: 956-761-300(
Contact Cell Phone Number: 956-761-3000
Web Site Address for Event or Sponsoring Entity www.sopadre.com
Non-Profit or For-Profit status: Non-Profit Tax ID \#: $\qquad$
Entity's Creation Date: 2018
Purpose of your organization:
Provide family friendly entertainment with a focus on multi day events in support of the City
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## EVENT INFORMATION

Name of Events or Project: $\underline{\text { SPI Holiday Lights over South Padre Weekend }}$
Date of Event or Project: December 2019
Primary Location of Event or Project: SPI Convention Center

Amount Requested: $\$ \underline{27,000}$

## Primary Purpose of Funded Activity/Facility:

Generate overnight stays as part of a larger weekend supporting Light s Over Padre.
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$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
How will the hotel tax funds be used: (please attach a list of the hotel tax funded expenditures)
This request will focus on the addition of a sandcastle village, building expo and possible laser light show during the I
Over Padre holiday weekend.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

## Percentage of Hotel Tax Support of Related Costs

100 Percentage of Total Event Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax
___ Percentage of Total Annual Facility Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event
___ Percentage of Annual Staff Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event

If staff costs are covered, estimate percentage of time staff spends annually on the funded event(s) compared to other activities \%

Are you asking for any cost reductions for city facility rentals or city services, and if so, please quantify and explain:
City to provide possible lighting and generator support for displays to be visible during the evenings.
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## Which Category or Categories Apply to Funding Request \& Amount Requested Under Each Category:

a) Convention Center or Visitor Information Center: construction, improvement, equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
b) Registration of Convention Delegates: furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
c) Advertising, Solicitations, Promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
d) Promotion of the Arts that Directly Enhance Tourism and the Hotel \& Convention Industry: the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts that can be shown to have some direct impact on tourism and the hotel/convention industry. The impact may be that the art facility or event can show hotel nights that are booked due to their events or that guest at hotels attend the arts event. Eligible forms of art include instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture photography, graphic and craft arts, motion picture, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms: $\$ \underline{20,000}$
e) Historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitation and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
f) Expenses including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event in which the majority of participants are tourists. The event must substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity.
Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
How many attendees are expected to come to the sporting related event? 750
How many of the attendees at the sporting related event are expected to be from another city or county? 500

Quantify how the sporting related event will substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity?
Bringing business to hotels and restaurants the weekend of the event.
g) Funding transportation systems for transporting tourists from hotels to and near the city to any of the following destinations: 1) the commercial center of the city; 2) a convention center in the city; 3) other hotels in or near the city; and 4) tourist attractions in or near the city. Please note that the ridership of any such transportation must be primarily tourists to qualify for hotel tax funding.

Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$

What sites or attractions will tourists be taken to by this transportation?
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Will members of the general public (non-tourists) be riding on this transportation? $\qquad$
What percentage of the ridership will be local citizens? $\qquad$
h) Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the municipality.

Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
What tourist attractions will be the subject of the signs?
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

How many years have you held this Event or Project: 1
Expected Attendance: 750

How many people attending the Event or Project will use South Padre Island lodging establishments? 100

How many nights do you anticipate the majority of the tourists will stay: 1 over multiple weekends
Do you reserve a room block for this event at an area hotel and if so, for how many rooms and at which hotels:
South Padre Island CVB will package this event with local hotels

List other years (over the last three years) that you have hosted your Event or Project with amount of assistance given from HOT and the number of hotel rooms used:

Month/Year Held
December 2018

Assistance Amount \$27,000

Number of Hotel Rooms Used TBD information, survey of hoteliers, etc.)?
Survey and Room block information

Please list other organization, government entities, and grants that have offered financial support to your project: N/A

Will the event charge admission? No
Do you anticipate a net profit from the event? No

If there is a net profit, what is the anticipated amount and how will it be used?
Event fees will be consistent year over year.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

All marketing and promotions will be coordinated through the CVA's agency, unless exempted from this requirement by the Executive Director, in which case all creative must be pre-approved by the Executive Director (or designee) and payments will be on a reimbursement basis. Please list all promotion efforts your organization is planning and the amount estimated for each media outlet:

- Newspaper:
- Radio:
- TV:
- Website, Social Media:
- Other Paid Advertising:
\$
\$
\$
\$
\$
$\qquad$

Anticipated Number of Press Releases to Media: $\qquad$
Anticipated Number Direct Mailings to out-of-town recipients: $\qquad$
Other Promotions: $\qquad$

A link to the CVB must be included on your promotional handouts and in your website for booking hotel nights during this event. Are you able to comply? $\square \checkmark$ Yes $\square$ No

Will you negotiate a special rate or hotel/event package to attract overnight stays? Yes
[If we have a tour operator, we will require them to use that service.]

What other marketing initiatives are you planning to promote hotel and convention activity for this event?
SoPadre website, Facebook, Twitter, TAG

What geographic areas does your event reach?

If the funding requested is related to a permanent facility (e.g. museum, visitor center):

- Expected Visitation by Tourists Monthly/Annually: $\qquad$
- Percentage of those who visit the facility who indicate they are staying at area hotels/lodging facilities: $\qquad$ \% (use a visitor log that asks them to check a box if they are staying at an area lodging facility)

What amount of event insurance do you have for your event and who is the carrier:
[Insert South Padre Island Minimum Event Insurance Coverage Minimums and duty to list South Padre Island as an added insured]

Any marketing for the event must be consistent with the brand image for South Padre Island and all such marketing pieces that are funded with hotel tax must be coordinated and developed by the South Padre Island CVB marketing agency. Are you able to comply?



Where appropriate, the CVB will require access to event participant database information that will show zip code data to measure likely impact from the funded event.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION:

Along with the application, please submit the following:
$\qquad$ Proposed Marketing Plan for Funded Event
$\qquad$ Schedule of Activities or Events Relating to the Funded Project

X
Complete budget for the Funded Project
$\qquad$ Room night projections, with back-up, for the Funded Event

Submit to complete applications to:
Marisa Amaya
Event Development \& Packaging Manager
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## CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Marisa Amaya, Event Development \& Packaging Manager
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion and action to approve funding request for HalloWings.

ITEM BACKGROUND
$3^{\text {rd }}$ Annual Hallowings across South Padre Island Weekend was originally approved for $\$ 27,000$.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

LEGAL REVIEW

Sent to Legal:
Approved by Legal:
YES: $\qquad$ NO: $\qquad$
NO: $\qquad$
Comments:

## RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Recommend the Special Events Committee approve a funding amount.

## APPLICATION FOR INITIAL FUNDING

Today's Date: 6/28/2018

## ORGANIZATON INFORMATION

Name of Organization: HalloWings across South Padre Weekend
Address: 7355 Padre Blvd
City, State, Zip: South Padre Island, TX 78597_
Contact Name: Marisa Amaya Contact Office Phone Number: 956-761-300(
Contact Cell Phone Number: 956-761-3000
Web Site Address for Event or Sponsoring Entity www.sopadre.com
Non-Profit or For-Profit status: Non-Profit Tax ID \#: $\qquad$
Entity's Creation Date: 2017
Purpose of your organization:
To celebrate Halloween and the annual migration of the Monarch butterfly from
North America to Central Mexico. The City of South Padre Island is honored
to partner with the SPI Birding and Nature Center for HalloWings Across
South Padre Island Festival.

## EVENT INFORMATION

Name of Events or Project: $\underline{\text { HalloWings across South Padre Weekend }}$

Date of Event or Project: October 25-27, 2018
Primary Location of Event or Project: Birding and Nature Center - SPI Convention Center
Amount Requested: $\$ \underline{27,000}$

## Primary Purpose of Funded Activity/Facility:

With the annual migration cycle of the Monarch butterfly occurring the weekend before Halloween, event organizers had an opportunity to provide an event for families and nature lovers looking for a safe and affordable option to celeb the holiday and witness one of the most remarkable natural phenomena in the world.

How will the hotel tax funds be used: (please attach a list of the hotel tax funded expenditures)
This request will focus on promoting the Hallowings Festival, Hallowings Gala, and fund-raising for the SPI Birding ar Nature Center.
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## Percentage of Hotel Tax Support of Related Costs

100 Percentage of Total Event Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax
___ Percentage of Total Annual Facility Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event
___ Percentage of Annual Staff Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event

If staff costs are covered, estimate percentage of time staff spends annually on the funded event(s) compared to other activities \%

Are you asking for any cost reductions for city facility rentals or city services, and if so, please quantify and explain:
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## Which Category or Categories Apply to Funding Request \& Amount Requested Under Each Category:

a) Convention Center or Visitor Information Center: construction, improvement, equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
b) Registration of Convention Delegates: furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
c) Advertising, Solicitations, Promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
d) Promotion of the Arts that Directly Enhance Tourism and the Hotel \& Convention Industry: the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts that can be shown to have some direct impact on tourism and the hotel/convention industry. The impact may be that the art facility or event can show hotel nights that are booked due to their events or that guest at hotels attend the arts event. Eligible forms of art include instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture photography, graphic and craft arts, motion picture, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms: $\$ \underline{27,000}$
e) Historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitation and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
f) Expenses including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event in which the majority of participants are tourists. The event must substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity.
Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
How many attendees are expected to come to the sporting related event? 750
How many of the attendees at the sporting related event are expected to be from another city or county? 500

Quantify how the sporting related event will substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity?
Bringing business to hotels and restaurants the weekend of the event.
g) Funding transportation systems for transporting tourists from hotels to and near the city to any of the following destinations: 1) the commercial center of the city; 2) a convention center in the city; 3) other hotels in or near the city; and 4) tourist attractions in or near the city. Please note that the ridership of any such transportation must be primarily tourists to qualify for hotel tax funding.

Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$

What sites or attractions will tourists be taken to by this transportation?
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Will members of the general public (non-tourists) be riding on this transportation? $\qquad$
What percentage of the ridership will be local citizens? $\qquad$
h) Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the municipality.

Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
What tourist attractions will be the subject of the signs?
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How many years have you held this Event or Project: 1
Expected Attendance: 2000

How many people attending the Event or Project will use South Padre Island lodging establishments? 100

How many nights do you anticipate the majority of the tourists will stay: 1.5
Do you reserve a room block for this event at an area hotel and if so, for how many rooms and at which hotels:
South Padre Island CVB will package this event with local hotels

List other years (over the last three years) that you have hosted your Event or Project with amount of assistance given from HOT and the number of hotel rooms used:

| Month/Year Held <br> October 2018 | Assistance Amount <br> October 2017 | Number of Hotel Rooms Used <br> S27,000 | nd - UTRGV |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
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How will you measure the impact of your event on area hotel activity (e.g.; room block usage information, survey of hoteliers, etc.)?
Survey and Room block information

Please list other organization, government entities, and grants that have offered financial support to your project: N/A

Will the event charge admission? No
Do you anticipate a net profit from the event? No

If there is a net profit, what is the anticipated amount and how will it be used?
Event fees will be consistent year over year.

All marketing and promotions will be coordinated through the CVA's agency, unless exempted from this requirement by the Executive Director, in which case all creative must be pre-approved by the Executive Director (or designee) and payments will be on a reimbursement basis. Please list all promotion efforts your organization is planning and the amount estimated for each media outlet:

- Newspaper:
- Radio:
- TV:
- Website, Social Media:
- Other Paid Advertising:
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\$
\$
\$
\$
$\qquad$

Anticipated Number of Press Releases to Media: $\qquad$
Anticipated Number Direct Mailings to out-of-town recipients: $\qquad$
Other Promotions: $\qquad$

A link to the CVB must be included on your promotional handouts and in your website for booking hotel nights during this event. Are you able to comply? $\square \checkmark$ Yes $\square$ No

Will you negotiate a special rate or hotel/event package to attract overnight stays? Yes
[If we have a tour operator, we will require them to use that service.]

What other marketing initiatives are you planning to promote hotel and convention activity for this event?
SoPadre website, Facebook, Twitter, TAG

What geographic areas does your event reach?

If the funding requested is related to a permanent facility (e.g. museum, visitor center):

- Expected Visitation by Tourists Monthly/Annually: $\qquad$
- Percentage of those who visit the facility who indicate they are staying at area hotels/lodging facilities: $\qquad$ \% (use a visitor log that asks them to check a box if they are staying at an area lodging facility)

What amount of event insurance do you have for your event and who is the carrier:
[Insert South Padre Island Minimum Event Insurance Coverage Minimums and duty to list South Padre Island as an added insured]

Any marketing for the event must be consistent with the brand image for South Padre Island and all such marketing pieces that are funded with hotel tax must be coordinated and developed by the South Padre Island CVB marketing agency. Are you able to comply?



Where appropriate, the CVB will require access to event participant database information that will show zip code data to measure likely impact from the funded event.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION:

Along with the application, please submit the following:
$\qquad$ Proposed Marketing Plan for Funded Event
$\qquad$ Schedule of Activities or Events Relating to the Funded Project

X
Complete budget for the Funded Project
$\qquad$ Room night projections, with back-up, for the Funded Event

Submit to complete applications to:
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## 2018 HalloWings Across Soath Padre Yslard

## \$27,000 <br> \$27,250

CVB Investment
Total Spending
\$120
Weighted spending per household


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## Attendance

630 attendees
227 households
24 room nights
XXX\% change in event day
YoY occupancy

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Average age 45
Average Income: 64.3\%
$\$ 50,000$ or more
2.77 visitors per household
0.46 nights spent on SPI

Total tax ROI = -96.4\% Lodging only ROI = -97.9\%

## SPI Experience

NET PROMOTER SCORE
100
likely to recommend South Padre Island
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# Event Economic Impact Report 

October $26^{\text {th }}-28^{\text {st }}$

## Prepared for

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## Executive Summary and Survey Highlights

HalloWings across South Padre Weekend was held at several locations, but principally at the Birding and Nature Center and the Convention Centre on South Padre Island on October $25^{\text {th }}-27^{\text {th }}, 2018$. The event was sponsored by the City of South Padre Island and the Convention and Visitors Bureau and was a multi-day celebration of the annual Monarch butterfly migration through SPI. To examine the spending of HalloWings attendees on SPI, a short survey incentivized with the opportunity to enter a drawing to win two nights at Schlitterbahn Beach Resort was conducted. The survey was administered onsite for 102 completed questionnaires resulting in 44 useable responses from unique households on the Island specifically for the event.

On average, event study respondents were predominately married ( $70.5 \%$ ) females ( $70.5 \%$ ), had an average age of 45 years, had at least some type of college degree ( $68.2 \%$ ), worked full-time ( $59.1 \%$ ), were primarily Hispanic ( $62.8 \%$ ) and $64.3 \%$ had an average annual income above $\$ 50,000$. Survey respondents were primarily from the US ( $93.2 \%$ ) with $6.8 \%$ from other countries and none from Mexico. On average, household participants traveled an average of 108 miles with an average of 2.77 people and spent 0.46 nights on SPI during the event.

Most survey respondents are considered promoters of the Island to others (100.0\%), resulting in an excellent net promoter score of 100.0. Most respondents are satisfied with the event ( $93.0 \%$ ) and are likely to return to SPI for a future vacation (93.0\%). Importantly, the survey analysis found that the 227 household groups attended HalloWings and spent an estimated weighted average of $\$ 120$ per household while on the Island for a total spending of $\$ 27,250$. Of this spending, lodging is the highest per household expenditure category with $23 \%$ of study respondents spending at least one night on the Island in paid lodging and staying an average of 0.46 nights. This resulted in about 24 total room nights, most of which were spent in hotels.

With the average weighted lodging expenditure of $\$ 120$ per household that spent the night on the Island, a total of $\$ 6,399$ was spent on lodging. Of this amount, $17 \%$ or $\$ 930$ was for the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT), and $10.5 \%$, or about $\$ 574$, is the City's share of the HOT. Moreover, the estimated total spending on food and beverages of $\$ 9,589$ included about $\$ 731$ in taxes at the $8.25 \%$ rate or $\$ 177$ at the City $2 \%$ tax rate. Other types of expenditures, such as clothing, nightlife and entertainment amounted to $\$ 11,263$, of which $\$ 858$ was sales taxes, with $\$ 208$ the City's share. In total, the $\$ 27,250$ spent during HalloWings resulted in $\$ 2,519$ in tax revenue with $\$ 959$ the City's share.

This represents a loss to the City of $-\$ 26,041$ for a $-96.4 \%$ loss on the $\$ 27,000$ cash investment made by the CVB in HalloWings as shown in the table.

## Summary of Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

| KPI | Result | Description of KPI | Page |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CVB investment | \$27,000 | Amount of funding provided by CVB to event promoter | P1 |
| Total spending | \$27,250 | Total spent by event households | Table 1, P6 |
| Average spent per household | \$120 | Weighted average spent per household | Table 1, P6 |
| Number of households | 227 | Number of households at event | Figure 2, P4 |
| Numberin household | 2.77 | Number of people in household group at event | Figure 2, P4 |
| Nights on SPI | 0.46 | Average number of nights spent on SPI | Figure 2, P4 |
| Lodging tax | \$574 | City share of HOT revenue: $10.5 \%$ of $17 \%$ HOT | Table 2, P7 |
| F\&B sales tax | \$177 | City share of total tax collected from F\&B spending: $2 \%$ of $8.25 \%$ of total sales tax | Table 2, P7 |
| Othersalestax | \$208 | City share of total sales tax revenue | Table 2, P7 |
| Total City tax share | \$959 | Total City tax revenue from event | Table 2, P7 |
| Total tax ROI | -96.4\% | Return on CVB investment considering all taxes | Table 2, P7 |
| Lodging only ROI | -97.9\% | Return on CVB investment considering HOT only | Table 2, P7 |
| Net PromoterScore | 100.0 | Measure of customerloyalty; calculated as identified promoters less detractors | Figure 5, p8 |
| Likely to return | 93.0\% | Percent somewhat or extremely likely to return to SPI | Figure 6, p8 |
| Satisfied with the SPI | 93.0\% | Percent satisfied with the SPI experience | Figure 7, P8 |
| Satisfied with event | 93.0\% | Percent satisfied with event | Figure 8, p9 |

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# HalloWings across South Padre Island 

## Introduction

SPI HalloWings is a weekend-long event created to celebrate the fall migration of Monarch Butterflies through South Padre Island. The different activities during the event are held at the SPI Convention Centre, the SPI Birding \& Nature Center and at Jim's Pier/Pirate's Landing from Friday, October $20^{\text {th }}$ through Sunday, October $21^{\text {st }}$, 2018. The itinerary for HalloWings, which is sponsored by the City of South Padre Island and the Convention and Visitors Bureau, was:

- Boo Bash Movie Night - Friday, October $26^{\text {th }}, 6: 15$ pm - Convention Centre
o $6: 15$ pm: Free Halloween crafts for kids
o 7pm: Movie Feature - "Hocus Pocus"
o Light refreshments will be provided
o Event is FREE and open to the public
- Birding \& Nature Center Gala - Friday, October 26 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, 6:30pm-9:00pm
- HalloWings Festival - Saturday, October 27 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, 9:00am-3:00pm - Birding \& Nature Center
- Breakfast with Pirates - Sunday, October 28 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 8: 30 \mathrm{am}-12$ noon Breakfast then Cruise at Pirate’s Landing

To promote SPI HalloWings through the website and social media, the event was provided with $\$ 27,000$ by the South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau. About 2,000 were expected to attend the event with 100 staying in SPI lodging for an average of 1.5 nights.

## Method

To estimate the economic impact of the 2018 HalloWings, UTRGV interviewers conducted a survey (see Appendix A) among event attendees at the SPI Birding \& Nature Center and at Pirate's Landing during the following times as recommended by the event director as best to reach the most attendees:

- Saturday, October $27^{\text {th }}$ from 9 am to $3 p m$ at the SPI Birding \& Nature Center
- Sunday, October $28^{\text {th }}$ from 10am to 12 noon at Pirate's Landing


As an incentive, survey respondents were offered a chance to win two nights at Schlitterbahn Beach Resort and were also offered SPI promotional products which substantially helped to recruit respondents.

## Interviews

A total of 15 different trained interviewers, a people counter and the project manager attended SPI HalloWings, at the SPI Birding \& Nature


28 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2018$. Interviewers were highly visible by wearing bright orange t-shirts and visors and randomly approached potential respondents in a professional manner and administered the paper survey on clipboards to facilitate survey administration with the data to be entered into an online link later by the interview team. The onsite interviews yielded 102 completed responses-88 were at the SPI Birding \& Nature Center and 14 were at Pirate's Landing-however, a number of the responses were eliminated as follows:

- 4 responses were completed by another responding household member;
- 43 responses were from respondents not on the Island for the event; and,
- 11 were from respondents who live within ten miles.

The result is 44 useable questionnaires for analysis. With about 227 households passing by the interviewers as the sample population (See next section), the completed responses rate is about $45 \%$.

## Estimated attendance

Knowing the number of people attending any event is crucial to estimating the economic impact of the event. Accordingly, the research team manually counted attendance during the times they were at the SPI Birding \& Nature Center via a manual hand counter. The manual counter counted 305 adults on Saturday, October $27^{\text {th }}$ from 9:00am until 3:00pm and 58 children. On Sunday at Jim's Pier for breakfast, about 20 people were counted but not surveyed. At Pirate's Landing from 10:00am to 12:00noon, about 35 people were counted although 52 had booked a place on the Pirate Ship ride. In total, we estimate that 630 people were at the Birding \& Nature Center and Pirate's Landing

The appropriate unit of analysis, however, is 'the household' since spending questions are asked about 'household expenditures' rather than individual expenditures. To determine the number of
 households at the event, the total number of attendees (630) is divided by the average household size (2.77) as found in the survey (see Figure 2) to determine that 227 households were at the two venues of the event.

## Results

## Survey participants travel and SPI stay characteristics

In all, 44 useable surveys were completed by people specifically on South Padre Island for 2018 SPI HalloWings. Survey respondents were first asked to indicate their role or participation type in the event. Figure 1 shows that by far, most of the respondents surveyed (56.8\%) were event spectators. The remaining event participants were volunteer/staff (13.6\%) or sponsors/vendors (9.1\%).


Figure 1. Participation type

Next, respondents indicated how many people were in their household while at the event, the number of nights spent and the number of miles traveled to the event. The number of people reported in the household for the event ranged from 1 to 7 for an average of 2.77 as seen in Figure 2. Data featured in Figure 2 also shows that, on average, study participants traveled 108 miles to attend the event, although distances traveled ranged from 10 to 2200 miles and spent an average of 0.46 nights on SPI for the event with a range of 0 to 3 . Spending and stay responses from one respondent coming from Canada and spending 39 nights on the Island was eliminated as an outlier that would significantly skew results.

Figure 3 breaks down the percent of respondents by number of nights spent on SPI and shows that $65.8 \%$ of respondents did not spend the night on SPI. Of those spending the night, most respondents spent one (21.1\%) or two nights (7.9\%) although $2.6 \%$ spent 3 nights on the Island. About $2.6 \%$ spent more than five nights on SPI for the event.


## Figure 3. Percentage spending the night on SPI

Figure 4 shows the types of lodging used. While most, (61.5\%) of event attenders, did not spend the night on the Island, of those who did, $28.2 \%$ spent the night in a hotel/motel room, $0.0 \%$ rented a condominium or beach house, $0.0 \%$ stayed with family or friends, and $2.6 \%$ stayed in their own SPI residence.

With $23 \%$ (Table 1) of the estimated 227 households spending an average of 0.46 nights (Figure 2) on the Island, the HalloWings event should have resulted in 24 room nights.


Figure 4. Type of lodging

HalloWings attendees accounted for 24 room nights.

## Estimated spending

Study respondents were asked to indicate how much money they spent in various expenditure categories. All reported expenditure amounts were assumed to include sales taxes except that lodging was assumed to be stated without HOT so was adjusted upward by $17 \%$, the HOT rate. The total average reported expenditure by category was then multiplied times the percentage of respondents who reported spending in that expense category to arrive at the average weighted spending per expense category.

Results in Table 1 indicate the average amount spent on lodging, as adjusted by 17\%, was $\$ 124$ with a weighted average of $\$ 28$ considering that $23 \%$ of respondents spent money on lodging for a total of $\$ 6,399$. Average spending on food and beverages was $\$ 56$, with a weighted average of $\$ 42$, for a total category spending of $\$ 9,589$, including sales taxes. The total spent on all other categories was $\$ 11,263$. In total, 227 event households spent a weighted average of $\$ 120$ for a total SPI spending of $\$ 27,250$.

Table 1. Total average weighted spending

| Expenditure category | Total <br> average | \% spending <br> in category | Weighted spending <br> per HH | Total spending <br> per HH |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Food \& Beverages | $\$ 56$ | $75 \%$ | $\$ 42$ | $\$ 9,589$ |
| Night life | $\$ 51$ | $11 \%$ | $\$ 6$ | $\$ 1,318$ |
| Lodging | $\$ 124$ | $23 \%$ | $\$ 28$ | $\$ 6,399$ |
| Attraction entertainment | $\$ 34$ | $11 \%$ | $\$ 4$ | $\$ 889$ |
| Retail | $\$ 54$ | $32 \%$ | $\$ 17$ | $\$ 3,877$ |
| Transportation | $\$ 42$ | $32 \%$ | $\$ 13$ | $\$ 3,060$ |
| Parking | $\$ 10$ | $5 \%$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 103$ |
| Admission fees | $\$ 13$ | $5 \%$ | $\$ 1$ | $\$ 129$ |
| Clothing | $\$ 60$ | $7 \%$ | $\$ 4$ | $\$ 930$ |
| Groceries | $\$ 24$ | $9 \%$ | $\$ 2$ | $\$ 491$ |
| Other | $\$ 23$ | $9 \%$ | $\$ 2$ | $\$ 465$ |
| Total | $\$ 490$ |  | $\mathbf{\$ 1 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 7 , 2 5 0}$ |

The estimated direct spending on South Padre Island as attributed to the 2018 SPI HalloWings is \$27,250, within a $\mathbf{7 . 5 \%}$ confidence interval of plus or minus $\$ 2,038$ given the assumptions of a random sample selection.

## Tax benefits of spending during event

To calculate the tax revenue accruing from event attendee spending, the following tax rates are assumed:

- $17 \%$ hotel occupancy tax rate;
- $10.5 \%$ City's share of the hotel occupancy tax rate;
- $8.25 \%$ sales tax on all non-lodging spending;
- $2 \%$ is the City's share of non-lodging sales tax.

The spending reported in Table 1 should result in the tax revenues shown in Table 2. Total spending on lodging should result in total tax revenue of $\$ 930$ with the City's share at $10.5 \%$ totaling $\$ 574$. Total spending on food and beverages should result in $\$ 731$ in tax revenue with $\$ 177$ the City's share while total spending in all other expense categories should yield $\$ 858$ in sales tax revenue with $\$ 208$ the City's share. Altogether, the tax revenue should be $\$ 2,519$ with $\$ 959$ the City's share. The loss from the City's share of the hotel tax alone on the $\$ 27,000$ invested in the event is $-97.9 \%$ but is $-94.1 \%$ considering the City's share of all the tax revenue.

Table 2. Spending, tax revenue and ROI

| Spending <br> category | Amount <br> spent | Total <br> HOT | Total <br> sales tax | City's \% <br> share | City's \$ <br> share | ROI |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Lodging | $\$ 6,399$ | $17 \%$ | $\$ 930$ | $10.50 \%$ | $\$$ | 574 | $-97.9 \%$ |
| Food \& Beverage | $\$ 9,589$ | $8.25 \%$ | $\$ 731$ | $2 \%$ | $\$$ | 177 |  |
| All nonlodging | $\$ 11,263$ | $8.25 \%$ | $\$ 858$ | $2 \%$ | $\$$ | 208 |  |
| Totals | $\mathbf{\$ 2 7 , 2 5 0}$ |  | $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 5 1 9}$ |  | $\mathbf{\$}$ | $\mathbf{9 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{- 9 6 . 4 \%}$ |

> Total spending of 2018 SPI HalloWings attendees resulted in an estimate tax revenue of $\$ 2,519$, with $\$ 959$ going to the City of South Padre Island. With an investment of $\mathbf{\$ 2 7 , 0 0 0}$ in the event, the return to the City is 97.9\% considering only the 10.5\% share of HOT but -96.4\% considering all the City's estimated tax revenue share.

## The SPI Experience

The next section of the survey asked HalloWings attendees about their stay on SPI. In this section, the "net promoter" question was used to determine how likely survey respondents are to recommend SPI as a place to visit to friends or colleagues.

The results, shown in Figure 5, indicate that most study respondents ( $100.0 \%$ ) are promoters of SPI while none ( $0.0 \%$ ) are detractors. This yields a net promoter score (NPS) of 100.0, which is excellent. For example, the hotel industry has a NPS of 39 (www.netpromoter.com/compare).

Respondents were asked how likely they are to return to SPI and how satisfied they were with the event. As seen in Figure 7, by far most respondents ( $93.0 \%$ ) are likely to return to the Island at some time in the future.

Respondents were also asked to indicate their satisfaction with the SPI experience and with the event. Result shown in Figure 6 indicate that 93.0\% were satisfied with the SPI experience and that $2.3 \%$ were dissatisfied with SPI.

Most respondents (93.0\%) were also satisfied with the HalloWings event and only $2.3 \%$ reported being dissatisfied with the event as seen in Figure 8.

Likelihood of returning to SPI


Figure 7. Likelihood of returning to SPI in the FUTURE

Satisfaction with SPI experience


Figure 6. Satisfaction with SPI experience


Figure 8. Satisfaction with event

NOTE: Respondents were asked to provide suggestions for improving their stay on SPI. The unedited comments are as follows:

- Tickets to the event at the birding center is too expensive (65/person)
- More shade. More adds.
- Perfect
- Have more events for kids,
- More advertisements.
- Perhaps advertise on PI newspaper, radio, etc.


## Respondent Demographics

The remainder of the study assessed respondent demographic characteristics.
Targeted survey respondents were those 18 + years and the average age of all respondents was 45 year-of-age with ages ranging from 18 to 87 .

Most respondents were female (70.5\%), a majority were married (70.5\%) and most had some type of college degree (68.2\%) as shown in Figures 9 through 11, respectively.


Figure 9. Gender
Figure 10. Marital status

## Educational attainment



Figure 11. Educational attainment

Most study respondents work full-time (59.1\%), although 11.4\% work part-time and 20.5\% are retired as seen in Figure 12.


Figure 12. Employment status

Most HalloWings study participants reported having a higher-than-average household income level: $64.3 \%$ indicated an annual household income above $\$ 50,000$ (Figure 13).


Figure 13. Household income level

Respondents were also asked to indicate their ethnicity but could select as many ethnicities as appropriate. Results in Figure 14 show that $62.8 \%$ of respondents considered themselves Hispanic while 34.9\% indicated being White.

## Ethnicity



Figure 14. Ethnicity

Finally, respondents were asked to indicate their home country and current residence zip/postal code. Most respondents reported the United States as their home country ( $93.2 \%$ ), $6.8 \%$ indicated being from other countries and none were from Mexico as shown in Figure 15.


Figure 15. Home country
Specific zip or postal codes of study respondents and of study participants are shown and mapped in Appendix B.

## Concluding remarks

This report has detailed the amount of money spent on South Padre Island by people attending the South Padre Island HalloWings held at different venues around SPI from October $26^{\text {th }}-28^{\text {th }}, 2018$. The results of the study were obtained by administering a short onsite survey, which offered respondents an incentive to enter a drawing to win two nights at Schlitterbahn Beach Resort. A total of 102 completed surveys resulted in 44 useable responses for the analysis.

Demographically, the study sample was comprised of predominately of married females who were an average of 45 years-of-age, had at least some college education, were employed full-time, had a household income above \$50,000, identify ethnically Hispanic and were from the US. The average household came with 2.77 people, had traveled an average of 108 miles and $23 \%$ spent the night on SPI for an average of 0.46 nights.

By combining the count of people at the event and survey results, event attendees generated an estimate 24 SPI room nights. With an average total weighted lodging expenditure per household of $\$ 28$ event attendees spent a total of $\$ 6,399$ on lodging, resulting in about $\$ 574$ in the City's share of the Hotel Tax revenue. Spending on food and beverages by event attendees was about $\$ 9,589$, which should yield $\$ 177$ to the City at a tax rate of $2 \%$. Total spending in other expenditure categories of $\$ 11,263$ should provide the City with $\$ 208$ in sales tax revenue.

Considering only the City's share of the hotel tax revenue, the City lost $-\$ 26,426$ or $-97.9 \%$ on their $\$ 27,000$ investment. Considering all tax revenue from all spending, the City should receive \$959 in taxes for a total loss of $\$ 26,041$ or a -96.4\%return on the cash investment provided to the event organizer.

As a side note, attendance at the SPI Birding and Nature Center was lower than expected, perhaps because of event signage that suggested that ticket prices were $\$ 65 /$ person. While that was the price for attending the Gala, potential attendees may not have realized that. Nevertheless, most HalloWings survey participants are "promoters" in recommending SPI to others, are likely or extremely likely to return to SPI for a future vacation and are satisfied with their overall SPI experience during the event.


## Appendix A:Survey

## SPI HalloWings Survey

This survey is to understand your household experience and spending during HalloWings. The one person, older than 18, best able to report on spending for all people in your household at the event should complete this survey. Responses arevery important to planning future events. As a thank you, you may enter a drawing for a 2 -night stay at the Schlitterbahn Beach Resort. Res ponses are confidential and individual information will not be included in survey results or shared with others. Contact the Business and Tourism Research Center at UTRGV at busines sresearch@utrgv.eduor call 956.665 .2829 for questions.

1. Have you or someone else in your household already completed this survey? DYes No If yes, return this survey.
2. Did you come to South Padre Island specifically for HalloWings $\square$ Yes $\square$ No: If no, return this survey. Thanks!
3. About how many miles did you travel to attend HalloWings?
$\square$ miles
4. Which of the following best describes your participation in HalloWings (Check all that apply)?

| Registered participant $\square$ Spectator <br> $\square$ Did not attend | Event volunteer/staff Event sponsor/vendor - Other $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Including yourself, how many people from your household |  |
| attended HalloWings? | $\qquad$ Number adults in household Number of children |

6. How many nights did you (or will you) spend on SOUTH PADRE ISLAND while attending HalloWings? ___ nights
7. Where are you staying (or did stay) while on South Padre Island for HalloWings?
$\square$ Hotel/motel Rented condo/beach house
Campground/RV park Rented a room
My own SPI residence Friend/family residence (unpaid)
Not spending the night Other (pleasespecify) $\qquad$
8. For each of the followingtypes of expenses, pleasegive your best estimate of the total amount you and your household spent (or will spend) during your entire time on South Padre Island for HalloWings. (List only the total dollar amounts spent on SPI)
Food \& beverages (restaurants, concessions,
snacks, etc.)
Night clubs, lounges \& bars (cover charges,

Night clubs, lounges \& bars (cover charges,
drinks, etc.)
Lodging expenses (hotel, motel, condo, room)
Local attractions \& entertainment
(fishing, snorkeling, kayaking, etc.)
Retail shopping (souvenirs, gifts, film, etc.)
Transportation (gas, oil, taxi, etc.) S
Parking fees
SPI Admission fees $\$$
Clothing or accessories \$
Groceries \$

Other (please specify) S
9. On a scale from 0-10, how likely are you to recommend South Padre island as a place to visit to a friend or colleague?
Not at $0 \begin{array}{lllllllll} & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10\end{array}$ Extremely all likely $\begin{array}{lllllllllllll} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & \text { likely }\end{array}$
10. How likely are you toreturn to South Padre Island for a vacation at some time in the future?
Dextremely likely a Somewhat likely Neutral -Somewhat unlikely Extremely unlikely
11. How satisfied are you with your overall South Padre Island experience?

Extremelysatisfied Somewhat satisfied Neutral ISomewhat dissatisfied Extremely dissatisfied
12.How satisfied are you with HalloWings?
$\square$ Extremelysatisfied ISomewhatsatisfied Neutral $\square$ Somewhat dissatisfied Extremely dissatisfied
13. What suggestions do you have for improving HalloWings or your stay on South Padre Island? (write on back)
14.What is your home zip or postal code? $\qquad$ code
15.What is vour home countrv?

- US Mexico Canada I Other $\qquad$

16. What is your age? $\qquad$ (years of age)
17. What is your gender? $\square$ Male $\square$ Female Gender diverse
18.What is your marital status?
$\square$ Married DSingle DWidowed DDivorced/separated
19.What is your highest educational attainment?

DLess than high school Associate's degree
DHigh school graduate DBachelor's degree
$\square$ Some college, no degree Graduate/professional degree
20.What is your current employment status?
$\square$ Work full-time Retired withinpastyear
DWork part-time Retired more than 1 year DUnemployed (looking for a job) DOther (Pleasespecify) 21. What is your combined annual household income?

| Dless than $\$ 20,000$ | $\square \$ 60 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 69,999$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square \$ 20 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 29,999$ | $\square \$ 70 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 79,999$ |
| $\square \$ 30 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 39,999$ | $\square \$ 80 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 99,999$ |
| $\square \$ 40 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 49,999$ | $\square 100 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 149,999$ |
| $\square \$ 50 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 59,999$ | $\square \$ 150,000$ or more |

22. What is your ethnicity? (Select all that apply)

White Hispanic Mixed
Black Asian OOther
Enter the drawing for a 2-night stay at the Schlitterbahn Beach Resort Contact information is confidential and will be deleted after the drawing Name
Phone number:
Email:
Winners will be notified no later than 2 weeks after event.

## Appendix B: Respondent's zip or postal code and frequency of response and zip code map

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## CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Marisa Amaya, Special Events Manager
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion and possible action to approve the funding request for AIRSHOW 2019 and recommend to the Convention and Advisory Board for approval.

ITEM BACKGROUND
The AIRSHOW is a new event scheduled for June 2019 and requesting \$150,000 in funding.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY
02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

LEGAL REVIEW

| Sent to Legal: | YES: __ | NO: _ X |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Approved by Legal: | YES: |  |

Comments:
RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Recommend the Special Events Committee approve a funding amount.

## APPLICATION FOR INITIAL FUNDING

Today's Date: July 2, 2018

## ORGANIZATON INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Commemorative Air Force - Rio Grande Valley Wing
Address: P. O. Box 8190

City, State, Zip: Brownsville, Texas 78526
Contact Name: David Hughston Contact Office Phone Number: $\boldsymbol{\text { 956-542-4387 }}$
Contact Cell Phone Number: 956-454-4439
Web Site Address for Event or Sponsoring Entity airfiesta.org
Non-Profit or For-Profit status:Non-Profit Tax ID \#:74-1484491
Entity's Creation Date: July 1964
Purpose of your organization:
Please see Mission Statement attached.
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## EVENTINFORMATION

Name of Events or Project: South Padre Island Military Heritage AIRSHOW!
Date of Event or Project: June 22-23, 2019
Note: The name of the event is for planning purposes only. Should AIRSHOW! receive financial support, we will be open to naming suggestions from the CVB.
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## Primary Location of Event or Project:

Amount Requested: $\$ 150,000$

Primary Purpose of Funded Activity/Facility:
Since 1991, AIRSHOW! (Formerly know as AlR FIESTA) has been an annual airshow produced by the CAF-RGV Ming for the purpose of demonstrating to the general public, young and old alike, the critical role aviation has played and continues
to play in our nation's defense and technological advancement. AIRSHOW! also showcases the many and varied career opportunities available in aviation, all in a safe, family friendly, fair like atmosphere

The airshow will also be a major fund raiser for operational support of the new Laguna Madre Transportation Museum.
The venue for the event is the historically significant Port Isabel-Cameron County Airport

How will the hotel tax funds be used: (please attach a list of the hotel tax funded expenditures) Funds will be used for AIRSHOW! expenses. See budget attached.
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## Percentage of Hotel Tax Support of Related Costs

## 60 Percentage of Total Event Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax

O Percentage of Annual Staff Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event
If staff costs are covered, estimate percentage of time staff spends annually on the funded event(s) compared to other activities \%

Are you asking for any cost reductions for city facility rentals or city services, and if so, please quantify and explain: N/A
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## Which Category or Categories Apply to Funding Request \&

 Amount Requested Under Each Category:a) Convention Center or Visitor Information Center: construction, improvement, equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both. Amount requested under this category: $\$$ $\qquad$
b) Registration of Convention Delegates: furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convertion delegates or registrants. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
c) Advertising, Solicitations, Promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity. Amount requested under this category: $\$ 35,000$
d) Promotion of the Arts that Directly Enhance Tourism and the Hotel \& Convention Industry: the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts that can be shown to have some direct impact on tourism and the hotel/convention industry. The impact may be that the art facility or event can show hotel nights that are booked due to their events or that guest at hotels attend the arts event. Eligible forms of art include instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture photography, graphic and craft arts, motion picture, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms: $\$ 80.000$
e) Historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitation and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums. Amount requested under this category: $\$ 35,000$
f) Expenses including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event in which the majority of participants are tourists. The event must substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity.
Amount requested under this category: $\$$ $\qquad$
How many attendees are expected to come to the sporting related event? $\qquad$
How many of the attendees at the sporting related event are expected to be from another city or county?

Quantify how the sporting related event will substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the eity or its vicinity?
g) Funding transportation systems for transporting tourists from hotels to and near the city to any of the following destinations: 1) the commercial center of the city; 2) a convention center in the city; 3) other hotels in or near the city; and 4) tourist attractions in or near the city. Please note that the ridership of any such transportation must be primarily tourists to qualify for hotel tax funding.

Amount requested under this category: S $\qquad$

What sites or attractions will tourists be taken to by this transportation?
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Will members of the general public (non-tourists) be riding on this transportation? $\qquad$
What percentage of the ridership will be local citizens? $\qquad$
h) Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the municipality.

Amount requested under this category: S $\qquad$

What tourist attractions will be the subject of the signs?
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## How many years have you held this Event or Project:

This event has been held annually in Brownsville for 27 years
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Expected Attendance: 15000. AlRSHOW organizers are planning a twilightevening event viewable from hotels and the beach.

How many people attending the Event or Project will use South Padre Island lodging establishments? Stnce this is our first event in the SPI area, we don't have a feel for it yet.

How many nights do you anticipate the majority of the tourists will stay: 2

Do you reserve a room block for this event at an area hotel and if so, for how many rooms and at which hotels:

We will be reserving a block of rooms for our participants/periormers. We anticipate paying for approximately 175 room nights.

List other years (over the last three years) that you have hosted your Event or Project with amaunt of assistance given from HOT and the number of hotel rooms used:

| Month/Year Held | Assistance Amount | Number of Hotel Rooms Used |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ | - |  |

How will you measure the impact of your event on area hotel activity (e.g.; room block usage information, survey of hoteliers, etc.)?

Surveys and room block usage info.
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Please list other organization, government entities, and grants that have offered financial support to your project:

## The United States Air Force, Navy and Marines have approved AIRSHOW!

 for modern military aerial support. Cameron County Commissioners Court has also approved use of the Cameron County Airport for AIRSHOW! 2019.will the event charge admission? Yes
Do you anticipate a net profit from the event? Yes

If there is a net profit, what is the anticipated amount and how will it be used?
We anticipate a net profit of $\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 60 \mathrm{~K}$. Profits will be used for care, maintenance, development and promotion of the CAF-RGV Wing Transportation Museum and the artifacts/airplanes in its care.

All marketing and promotions will be coordinated through the CVA's agency, unless exempted from this requirement by the Executive Director, in which case all creative must bepreapproved by the Executive Director (or designee) and payments will be on a reimbursement basis. Please list all promotion efforts your organization is planning and the amount estimated for each media outlet:

- Newspaper:
- Radio:
- TV:
- Website, Social Media:
- Other Paid Advertising:
\$ 3,500
s 2,000
s 10,000
s 1,000
s 15,000 - Billboards, Street Banners

Anticipated Number of Press Releases to Media: 10
Anticipated Number Direct Mailings to out-of-town recipients: $\qquad$
Other Promotions:
To be determined

A link to the CVB must be included on your promotional handouts and in your website for booking hotel nights during this event. Are you able to comply? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No

Will you negotiate a special rate or hotel/event package to attract overnight stays? Yes

IIf we have a tour operator, we will require them to use that service. I

What other marketing initiatives are you planning to promote hotel and convention activity for this event?
AIRSHOWl can provide a temporary static display at the Convention Center made of items on loan from the Museum along
with a custom point of sale disply detailing the event. Also AIRSHOW! is anxious to work with the Atkins Group to make
sure cross branding is accurate and effective

What geographic areas does your event reach?
South Texas
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If the funding requested is related to a permanent facility (e.g. museum, visitor center):

- Expected Visitation by Tourists Monthly/Annually: $\qquad$
- Percentage of those who visit the facility who indicate they are staying at area hotols/lodging facilities: $\qquad$ \% (use a visitor log that asks them to check a box if they are staying at an area lodging facility)

What amount of event insurance do you have for your event and who is the carrier: $\$ 10000,000$ Endurance American Insurance Company. City of South Padre Isiand will be added as an additional insured
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[Insert South Padre Island Minimum Event Insurance Coverage Minimums and duty to list South Padre island as an added insured]

Any marketing for the event must be consistent with the brand image for South Padre Island and all such marketing pieces that are funded with hotel tax must be coordinated and developed by the South Padre Island CVB marketing agency. Are you able to comply?


Where appropriate, the CVB will require access to event participant database information that will show zip code data to measure likely impact from the funded event.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION:

Along with the application, please submit the following:
$\qquad$ Proposed Marketing Plan for Funded Event
$\qquad$ Schedule of Activities or Events Relating to the Funded Project
$\qquad$ Complete budget for the Funded Project
$\qquad$ Room night projections, with back-up, for the Funded Event

## Submit to complete applications to:

Marisa Amaya
Event Development \& Packaging Manager
Convention and Visitors Advisory Board
C/O City of South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau
7355 Padre Blvd.
South Padre Island, TX 78597

Phone: (956) 761-3834
Email: marisa@sopadre.com



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## A I R P O R T

Hopefully, you have heard of the recent move of the Commemorative Air Force - Rio Grande Valley Wing Museum from its longtime home in Brownsville to the historic Port Isabel-Cameron County Airport. The move took over a year and was completed in the fall of 2018. Unfortunately, while the move was underway, it was impossible to produce our annual airshow, formerly known as AIR FIESTA . Now, with the move complete, we are ready to get back in the airshow business!

With the move to Cameron County, we thought it best to change our brand and airshow dates. Now the show is known simply as AIRSHOW! The dates for this year's aerial extravaganza, the first at Cameron County Airport, are June 22 \& 23, 2019.

Even as I write, our show volunteers are working hard to make sure all will be ready for another exciting, one of a kind experience. After all, AIRSHOW! is our primary source of operating funds and provides us an opportunity to showcase our Museum and the aircraft therein.

With the proceeds from AIRSHOW! the RGV Wing will be able to maintain, in flying condition, extremely unusual and rare examples of vintage military aircraft. We will also be able to continue development of our unique and educational artifacts display. All work on AIRSHOW! is performed by volunteers. All proceeds stay right here.

It is expensive to keep all our aircraft air worthy, but we think it's worth it. Real, flying examples of our aviation heritage teach lessons with which no classroom or TV documentary can compete. And it's not just the kids. All of us need to be reminded of the lessons of history and the high cost of freedom.

AIRSHOW! will feature WWII air battle reenactments, death defying aerobatic performances, modern military and much more. Truly a fun filled day for the whole family.

Can we count on your help? I have taken the liberty of enclosing our sponsorship brochure which outlines various levels of financial support. Please remember that we produce the show ourselves with no outside promoter help. Hence we are loaded with options! Just let us know how we can tailor sponsorship benefits to meet your needs.

Thank you in advance for helping make AIRSHOW! a rousing success!


David Aughston
AIRSHOW! Chairman

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RGV WING - CAF

## Profit \& Loss Budget Overview

January 2017 through December 2019

Jan '17-Dec 19

| Income |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| 44200 AIRSHOW REVENUE |  |
| Advance Ticket Sales | $20,000.00$ |
| Concessions | $10,000.00$ |
| Donations - Sponsors | $100,000.00$ |
| Exhibit Booth | $4,500.00$ |
| Flight Line Club | $50,00.00$ |
| Gate Sales | $50,000.00$ |
| Other Misc. Revenue | $10,000.00$ |
| Parking | $10,000.00$ |
| PX Sales | $2,000.00$ |
| Total 44200 AIRSHOW REVENUE | $211,500.00$ |
|  |  |
| Total Income | $211,500.00$ |
| Expense |  |
| 62160 AIR FIESTA EXPENSES |  |
| Accounting/Legal Fees | 100.00 |
| Advertising \& PR | $35,000.00$ |
| Airmeet Liability | $3,000.00$ |
| Chalet | $15,000.00$ |
| Change | $10,000.00$ |
| Convention Registration | $1,725.00$ |
| Dues \& Subscriptions | 600.00 |
| Equipment Rental | $15,000.00$ |
| Exhibit Booth | $1,500.00$ |
| Flight Line Refreshments | $2,500.00$ |
| Fuel \& Oil | $15,000.00$ |
| Housing | $15,000.00$ |
| License and Permits | 300.00 |
| Military Support | $10,000.00$ |
| Other Misc. Expenses | $1,000.00$ |
| Outside Performers | $30,000.00$ |
| Printing | $1,000.00$ |
| PX Supplies | $2,500.00$ |
| Pyrotechnics | $12,500.00$ |
| Ramp \& Cleanup | 400.00 |
| Repairs \& Maintenance | $1,000.00$ |
| Supplies \& Equipment | $1,500.00$ |
| Tickets, Finance | 300.00 |
| Travel | 500.00 |
| Utilities | 500.00 |
| Vehicle Expense | $25,000.00$ |
| WWII Performers |  |
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RGV WING - CAF
Profit \& Loss Budget Overview
January 2017 through December 2019

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Total 62160 AIR FIESTA EXPENSES 203,425.00

Total Expense 203,425.00

Net Income
8,075.00

# Commemorative Air Force - Rio Grande Valley Wing 

Our Mission

To preserve, in flying condition, a collection of combat aircraft which were flown hy all military services of the United States in World War II.

To perpetuate in the memory and hearts of all Americans the spirit in which these great planes were flown in the defense of our nation.

To acquire museum buildings for permanent protection and display of these aircraft as a tribute to the thousands of men and women who built, serviced and flew them.

To display, in a museum setting, various other World War II and vintage artifacts that tell the story of the heroism and sacrifice necessary to guarantee the prolonged freedom of our country we all enjoy.

To expand this organization with people having the dedication, enthusiasm and esprit de corps necessary to keep, maintain and preserve these aircraft and artifacts as symbols or our American military heritage.

## Item No 7

## CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Marisa Amaya, Special Events Manager
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion and possible action to approve the funding request for the SandCastle Trail Maintenance.

ITEM BACKGROUND

The SandCastle Trail had previously been approved for a total of \$30,000 in FY 2017/2018.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY
02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

LEGAL REVIEW
Sent to Legal:
Approved by Legal:
Comments:
RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Recommend the Special Events Committee approve a funding amount.

## APPLICATION FOR INITIAL FUNDING

Today's Date: 03/11/2019

## ORGANIZATON INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Sandcastle Island, Inc.
Address:
P.O. Box 2694

City, State, Zip: South Padre Island, TX 78597
Contact Name: Lucinda Wierenga Contact Office Phone Number: 956-459-292
Contact Cell Phone Number: 956-459-2928
Web Site Address for Event or Sponsoring Entity sandcastleisland.com
Non-Profit or For-Profit status: 501 (c) $3 \quad$ Tax ID \#:81-2584362
Entity's Creation Date: March, 2016

## Purpose of your organization:

We are a non-profit dedicated to maintaining and expanding the South Padre Island Sandcastle Trail); the education of students and public about beach conservation and nourishment using sand sculpture by offering free "SandCamp" experiences all summer long; and augmenting exisiting SPi festivals with sandcastle instruction, etc.

## EVENT INFORMATION

Name of Events or Project: Sand Castle Trail Maintenance
Date of Event or Project: Ongoing
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Primary Location of Event or Project: : slandwide
Amount Requested: $\$ \underline{10,000.00}$
Primary Purpose of Funded Activity/Facility:
Maintain and grow the SPI Sandcastle Trail
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How will the hotel tax funds be used: (please attach a list of the hotel tax funded expenditures)
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## Percentage of Hotel Tax Support of Related Costs

80\% Percentage of Total Event Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax
0\% Percentage of Total Annual Facility Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event 0\% Percentage of Annual Staff Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event

If staff costs are covered, estimate percentage of time staff spends annually on the funded event(s) compared to other activities \%

Are you asking for any cost reductions for city facility rentals or city services, and if so, please quantify and explain:
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## Which Category or Categories Apply to Funding Request \& Amount Requested Under Each Category:

a) Convention Center or Visitor Information Center: construction, improvement, equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
b) Registration of Convention Delegates: furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
c) Advertising, Solicitations, Promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity. Amount requested under this category: \$ ?
d) Promotion of the Arts that Directly Enhance Tourism and the Hotel \& Convention Industry: the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts that can be shown to have some direct impact on tourism and the hotel/convention industry. The impact may be that the art facility or event can show hotel nights that are booked due to their events or that guest at hotels attend the arts event. Eligible forms of art include instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture photography, graphic and craft arts, motion picture, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms: $\$ \underline{10,000}$
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f) Expenses including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event in which the majority of participants are tourists. The event must substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity.
Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
How many attendees are expected to come to the sporting related event? $\qquad$

How many of the attendees at the sporting related event are expected to be from another city or county? $\qquad$
Quantify how the sporting related event will substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity?
g) Funding transportation systems for transporting tourists from hotels to and near the city to any of the following destinations: 1) the commercial center of the city; 2) a convention center in the city; 3) other hotels in or near the city; and 4) tourist attractions in or near the city. Please note that the ridership of any such transportation must be primarily tourists to qualify for hotel tax funding.

Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$

What sites or attractions will tourists be taken to by this transportation?
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Will members of the general public (non-tourists) be riding on this transportation? $\qquad$
What percentage of the ridership will be local citizens? $\qquad$
h) Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the municipality.

Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
What tourist attractions will be the subject of the signs?
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How many years have you held this Event or Project:
The sandcastle trail was established in 2012.
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## Expected Attendance:

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How many people attending the Event or Project will use South Padre Island lodging establishments?

How many nights do you anticipate the majority of the tourists will stay: 2
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Do you reserve a room block for this event at an area hotel and if so, for how many rooms and at which hotels:
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List other years (over the last three years) that you have hosted your Event or Project with amount of assistance given from HOT and the number of hotel rooms used:
Month/Year Held Assistance Amount Number of Hotel Rooms Used
$\underline{\text { FY 2017/2018 }}$ \$35,000 $\quad$ ———]
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How will you measure the impact of your event on area hotel activity (e.g.; room block usage information, survey of hoteliers, etc.)?
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Please list other organization, government entities, and grants that have offered financial support to your project:
We continue to actively seek sponsorship from businesses hosting trail sculptures, from businesses willing to sponsor Sandcamp sessions, and from private individuals who have enjoyed our actitivies including "The March of the Sandmen" and "Hearts on the Beach." We also raise money with our annual fundraiser - "The Sandcastlers' Ball."

Will the event charge admission? $\qquad$
Do you anticipate a net profit from the event? $\qquad$

If there is a net profit, what is the anticipated amount and how will it be used?
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All marketing and promotions will be coordinated through the CVA's agency, unless exempted from this requirement by the Executive Director, in which case all creative must be pre-approved by the Executive Director (or designee) and payments will be on a reimbursement basis. Please list all promotion efforts your organization is planning and the amount estimated for each media outlet:

- Newspaper:
- Radio:
- TV:
- Website, Social Media:
- Other Paid Advertising:

Anticipated Number of Press Releases to Media:
Anticipated Number Direct Mailings to out-of-town recipients: $\qquad$
Other Promotions:

A link to the CVB must be included on your promotional handouts and in your website for booking hotel nights during this event. Are you able to comply?



Will you negotiate a special rate or hotel/event package to attract overnight stays?
[If we have a tour operator, we will require them to use that service.]
What other marketing initiatives are you planning to promote hotel and convention activity for this event?
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What geographic areas does your event reach?
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If the funding requested is related to a permanent facility (e.g. museum, visitor center):

- Expected Visitation by Tourists Monthly/Annually: $\qquad$
- Percentage of those who visit the facility who indicate they are staying at area hotels/lodging facilities: \% (use a visitor log that asks them to check a box if they are staying at an area lodging facility)

What amount of event insurance do you have for your event and who is the carrier:
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[Insert South Padre Island Minimum Event Insurance Coverage Minimums and duty to list South Padre Island as an added insured]

Any marketing for the event must be consistent with the brand image for South Padre Island and all such marketing pieces that are funded with hotel tax must be coordinated and developed by the South Padre Island CVB marketing agency. Are you able to comply?


Where appropriate, the CVB will require access to event participant database information that will show zip code data to measure likely impact from the funded event.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION:

Along with the application, please submit the following:
$\qquad$ Proposed Marketing Plan for Funded Event
$\qquad$ Schedule of Activities or Events Relating to the Funded Project
$\qquad$ Complete budget for the Funded Project
$\qquad$ Room night projections, with back-up, for the Funded Event

## Submit to complete applications to:

## Marisa Amaya

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South Padre Island, TX 78597

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## Item No 8

## CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Marisa Amaya, Special Events Manager
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion and possible action to approve the funding request for Fishing's Future.

## ITEM BACKGROUND

Fishing's Future is requesting funding to supply their Master Anglers with new jerseys that will be worn through states across the country. Fishing's Future is requesting funding in the amount of $\$ 15,000$.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

LEGAL REVIEW
Sent to Legal:
YES: $\qquad$
NO: $\qquad$
Approved by Legal:
YES: $\qquad$ NO: $\qquad$

Comments:

## RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Recommend the Special Events Committee approve a funding amount.

## APPLICATION FOR INITIAL FUNDING

Today's Date: 3/1/19

## ORGANIZATON INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Fishing's Future
Address: 2216 Padre Blvd Ste B \#26
City, State, Zip: South Padre Island, TX 78597

Contact Cell Phone Number: 806-678-0642
Web Site Address for Event or Sponsoring Entity www.fishingsfuture.org
Non-Profit or For-Profit status: Non-Profit Tax ID \#: 20-8782271
Entity's Creation Date: 2004
Purpose of your organization:
Fishing's Future promotes families, education, and enviromental
stewardship.
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## EVENT INFORMATION

Name of Events or Project:
Date of Event or Project: $\qquad$
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Primary Location of Event or Project: Nation Wide

Amount Requested: \$15,000

## Primary Purpose of Funded Activity/Facility:

The primary purpose of this funding would be to supply our Master Anglers with new jerseys that will be worn states across the country. Including military bases as we have recently partnered with the USO. Our cl expanding to include military families. We would include the SPI logo on all of the jerseys. SPI $i$ Future headquarters therefore we will have the citys branding implemented on vehicles and oth
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How will the hotel tax funds be used: (please attach a list of the hotel tax funded expenditures)
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## Percentage of Hotel Tax Support of Related Costs

___ Percentage of Total Event Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax
___ Percentage of Total Annual Facility Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event ___ Percentage of Annual Staff Costs Covered by Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Funded Event

If staff costs are covered, estimate percentage of time staff spends annually on the funded event(s) compared to other activities \%

Are you asking for any cost reductions for city facility rentals or city services, and if so, please quantify and explain:
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## Which Category or Categories Apply to Funding Request \& Amount Requested Under Each Category:

a) Convention Center or Visitor Information Center: construction, improvement, equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
b) Registration of Convention Delegates: furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
c) Advertising, Solicitations, Promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity. Amount requested under this category: \$ 15,000
d) Promotion of the Arts that Directly Enhance Tourism and the Hotel \& Convention Industry: the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts that can be shown to have some direct impact on tourism and the hotel/convention industry. The impact may be that the art facility or event can show hotel nights that are booked due to their events or that guest at hotels attend the arts event. Eligible forms of art include instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture photography, graphic and craft arts, motion picture, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms: \$ $\qquad$
e) Historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitation and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums. Amount requested under this category: \$ $\qquad$
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How many years have you held this Event or Project:
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[If we have a tour operator, we will require them to use that service.]
What other marketing initiatives are you planning to promote hotel and convention activity for this event?
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What geographic areas does your event reach?
All across the United States.
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If the funding requested is related to a permanent facility (e.g. museum, visitor center):

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What amount of event insurance do you have for your event and who is the carrier: Two million general liability.
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[Insert South Padre Island Minimum Event Insurance Coverage Minimums and duty to list South Padre Island as an added insured]

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## CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Sean Till, Special Event Committee Chair
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion and possible action regarding Special Event funding categories.

ITEM BACKGROUND

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY
02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

## LEGAL REVIEW

| Sent to Legal: | YES: | NO: _ X |
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| Approved by Legal: | YES: |  |

Comments:

## RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Recommend the Special Events Committee approve special event funding categories.

## CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Sean Till, Special Event Committee Chair
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion and possible action regarding Special Event tiers.

ITEM BACKGROUND

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY
02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL
LEGAL REVIEW

| Sent to Legal: | YES: | NO: $\ldots \mathrm{X}$ |
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| Approved by Legal: | YES: |  |

Comments:

## RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Recommend the Special Events Committee approve special event tiers.

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## CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Sean Till, Special Event Committee Chair
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion regarding communication of Special Events to local stakeholders.

## ITEM BACKGROUND

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY
02-593-8099 Special Events Budget
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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL
LEGAL REVIEW

| Sent to Legal: | YES: $\quad$ NO: $\ldots \mathrm{X}$ |  |
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| Approved by Legal: | YES: |  |

Comments:

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## CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2019
NAME \& TITLE: Marisa Amaya, Special Events Manager
DEPARTMENT: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau

ITEM

Discussion and possible action regarding UTRGV Special Event surveys.

ITEM BACKGROUND

UTRGV was contracted to survey and analyze twelve Special Events in FY 2018/2019. There are five events pending this year that need to be approved.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

02-593-8099 Special Events Budget

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

## LEGAL REVIEW

Sent to Legal:
Approved by Legal:
YES: $\qquad$
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NO: $\qquad$
Comments:
RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Recommend the Special Events Committee approve the remaining events to be surveyed.


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