

2020 CONVENTIONS & MEETINGS FUNDING SUPPORT

This funding program was designed to enhance conferences, meetings, and trade shows. Qualified applicants must demonstrate the capability to generate a positive economic impact by attracting verifiable delegates or attendees from outside the Jackson area to stay overnight in Jackson hotels and patronize Jackson restaurants.

Applicants must use Jackson venues and hotels to be eligible to receive Visit Jackson funding. More significant consideration and higher priority will be given to projects demonstrating the highest potential for substantial economic impact, primarily by increasing restaurant revenues and hotel occupancy. Applicants must realize that even though an application received may qualify; limited funding may not allow all projects to receive assistance. There is no guarantee that any submitted request will be provided funding.

All decisions regarding the awarding of funds are made at the Visit Jackson Board of Directors' sole discretion and are final. Visit Jackson offers many services as well as underwriting sponsorships for qualifying events. We also provide the expert assistance needed to make your event planning simple and your event successful.

- *All applicants must complete the Convention and Meeting Support Application in full and submit it for review*
- *All applicants must complete and submit the Final Report Application in full after their event*

Depending on the size and scope of your event, you may qualify for a wide range of valuable items, services, or funding, including the following:

- **Invitations:** The official invitation packet may include letters from the Governor, Mayor, Visit Jackson, and other area attractions and businesses.
- **Lodging Information:** Visit Jackson will canvass local hotels/motels for space, rates, accommodations, and dates for your meeting.
- **Program Coordination:** Visit Jackson can put you in touch with the right people to coordinate your convention program, prepare a tour, organize a spouses' or children's program, and fulfill transportation needs.
- **Attendance Promotion:** For your registration packet, Visit Jackson will provide your membership with materials such as area interest pamphlets, hotel and restaurant information, maps, and visitor brochures.
- **Publicity:** Your convention or meeting will be a newsmaker so, Visit Jackson will distribute one news release on your behalf to our area media. Also available are images of Jackson for use in preparing your organization's publications.
- **Welcome:** Allow us to extend a warm welcome to your convention delegates at the opening of your convention.
- **Registration:** Professional registration assistants are available with the equipment necessary to service your event on-site. The Bureau can provide Pre-printed, computer-generated name badges with pre-printed ribbons for your delegates with at least three weeks' notice.
- **Brochures:** Visitor information brochures are available for your convention registration desks when in stock and with a two-week advance request.

Thank you for considering Jackson as the destination for your next meeting or event! If you have questions, please contact Christine McInnis, Convention Funding Support Administrator • e-mail:

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