

AGREEMENT

This agreement made and entered into 17th day of January, 2025 between the **City of Stevenson**, a municipal corporation of the State of Washington, hereinafter referred to as “City”, and **Rachel Callahan**, dba Bridge of the Gods Kiteboarding Festival, hereinafter referred to as “BOTG Kiteboarding Festival”

Recitals

1. The City of Stevenson desires to increase the distribution of information about the City to attract visitors to the City and to increase tourism.
2. The City of Stevenson does not have qualified staff to manage a Kiteboarding festival.
3. BOTG Kiteboarding Festival is uniquely qualified to manage a Kiteboarding festival, to meet the requirements specified herein, and to provide such services with the degree of reasonable skill and diligence normally required to manage such events.
4. It is in the City’s interest to contract with BOTG Kiteboarding Festival to perform certain activities relating to the design and management of this event that will encourage increased tourism, promote interest in the City and the local region and to act on the City’s behalf in disseminating information about the City.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Performance. BOTG Kiteboarding Festival will perform the work set forth below and submit requests for payment within forty-five days of each accepted task:
 - a. BOTG Kiteboarding Festival will plan and operate the Bridge of the Gods Kiteboarding Festival as described on Exhibit A, incorporated herein by reference.
 - b. BOTG Kiteboarding Festival will complete the tourism funding expenditure report(s) required by the Washington State Legislature. All required reports are to be submitted before final payment under this contract is made.
2. Completion. BOTG Kiteboarding Festival shall complete the work and provide the services to be performed under this agreement on or before December 31, 2025.
3. Payment.
 - a. The City will reimburse BOTG Kiteboarding Festival up to \$3,000 for services performed under this agreement. Payments will be made on a reimbursement basis only, following submittal of detailed invoices with back up documentation to the City.
 - b. Final invoice for this agreement must be received by the City on or before January 12, 2026. **INVOICES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE PAID.**
 - c. The Tourism Funding Expenditure Report required by section 1 above shall be submitted before final payment under this contract is made.

4. Default. Upon default by either party of any of the terms of this agreement, the non-defaulting party may terminate the agreement after written notice to the defaulting party. Failure by the non-defaulting party to exercise the right to terminate or take any action upon default shall not constitute a waiver of any rights of the non-defaulting party hereunder and shall not excuse any such default. However, upon default and termination, the non-defaulting party is excused from further performance hereunder.
5. Termination. This agreement may be terminated by either party giving the other party written notice of its intent to terminate at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination. Reimbursement for work completed prior to the effective date of termination shall be made in accordance with the terms of this agreement.
6. Financial Records. BOTG Kiteboarding Festival shall maintain financial records of all transactions related to this agreement for six years after contract completion. The financial records shall be made available at all times for auditing by any City, State of Washington or federal auditors.
7. Status of "BOTG Kiteboarding Festival". It is hereby understood, agreed and declared that BOTG Kiteboarding Festival is an independent contractor and not the agent or employee of City and that no liability shall attach to City by reason of entering into this agreement, except as may be provided herein.
8. Insurance and Liability. BOTG Kiteboarding Festival shall indemnify and save harmless City from any and all liability arising hereunder, including costs, damages, expenses and legal fees incurred by City in connection therewith, for injury (including death) to persons or damage to or loss of property (including equipment) caused by or arising out of the work performed under this agreement.

BOTG Kiteboarding Festival further agrees, and has specifically negotiated, to waive its immunity under the State Industrial Insurance Act (RCW Title 51) and to indemnify and hold the City harmless from any claims made against the City by BOTG Kiteboarding Festival employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors or other representatives.
9. Assignment. This agreement shall not be transferred, assigned, or sublet by either party without prior written consent of the other party.
10. Completeness of Agreement and Modification. This document contains all of the terms and conditions of this agreement, and any alterations or variation of the terms of this agreement shall be invalid unless made in writing and signed by both of the parties hereto. There are no other understandings, representations, or agreements, written or oral, not incorporated herein.
11. Equal Opportunity and Compliance with Laws. BOTG Kiteboarding Festival shall not discriminate against any employee employed under this agreement because of race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin. Further, BOTG Kiteboarding Festival shall comply with all local, state and federal laws and regulations in all aspects of fulfilling this agreement.

12. Governing Law and Venue. The laws of the State of Washington shall govern the construction of this agreement and any dispute arising hereunder. The parties agree that the Superior Court of Skamania County shall be the venue for any litigation brought in relation to this agreement.
13. Costs and Attorney Fees. If either party shall be in default under this contract, the non-defaulting party shall have the right, at the defaulting party's expense, to retain an attorney to make any demand, enforce any remedy, or otherwise protect or enforce its rights under this contract. The defaulting party hereby promises to pay all costs and expenses so incurred by the non-defaulting party, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' costs and fees. The failure of the defaulting party to promptly pay the same shall constitute a further and additional default. In the event either party hereto institutes, defends, or is involved with any action to enforce the provisions of this contract, the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to reimbursement by the losing party for its court costs and reasonable attorney costs and fees at trial and on appeal.
14. Certification of Authority. The undersigned certify that the persons executing this agreement on behalf of City and BOTG Kiteboarding Festival have legal authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of City and BOTG Kiteboarding Festival respectively and have full authority to bind City and BOTG Kiteboarding Festival in a valid Agreement on the terms herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the day and year first above written.

CITY OF STEVENSON

BOTG Kiteboarding Festival

Scott Anderson, Mayor

Rachel Callahan, Owner

ATTEST

Anders Sorestad, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert C. Muth, City Attorney



City of Stevenson
TOURISM FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

Organization/Agency Information

Bridge of the Gods Kitefest #46-5476510
Organization/Agency Federal Tax ID Number

Rachel Callahan
Contact Name

8212 Falls Ave SE #1859 Snoqualmie, WA 98065
Mailing Address

209-559-1952 rachelcallahanbotg@gmail.com
Phone Email

Bridge of the Gods Kitefest (BOTG Kitefest)
Name of Proposed Event/Activity/Facility

- Tourism Promotion Activities
- Tourism-Related Facility
- Events/Festivals

Amount Requested: \$ 3,000 _____

Supplemental Questions

You may type your answers in Word below or attach a separate sheet. If you attach a separate sheet, please answer all of the below questions and number your answers to correspond to the below question numbers.

1. Describe your Tourism-Related Activities, Event or Facility:
BOTG is a kiteboarding festival at East Pint Kite Beach which involves persons of all ages competing for donated prizes and titles. Under this event we also hold the Blowout Race from Stevenson, WA to Hood River, OR. This is a 17-mile downwind kiteboarding/winging/windsurfing race that involves all persons, of multiple ages and ability, who hail from nay different locations.

2. Describe your proposal to attract visitors to the City, including dates and expected costs. Please see the *Call for Tourism Promotion Proposals* for criteria and items to be prioritized by the Tourism Advisory Committee.

BOTG is a 3 day amateur kiteboarding/winging competition in its 23rd year and is the longest running event in North America. Amateurs from 10 different countries and 3 different continents have competed in this event. This year we are once again focusing on the youth aspect of the event, and will also include the Blowout Race. These events bring in people from outside the US and all over the PNW.

3. Identify your top 5 sources of Revenue:

1. Registration fees	\$ 10,000
2. Merchandise Sales	\$ 1,000
3. Sponsorship Donations	\$ 4,500
4. City Funding	\$ 3,000

The funding from the city helps us pay for awards and merchandise as they say “City of Stevenson” on them.

4. Do you plan to become self-funded? If yes, please describe your plan and progress to date. BOTG obtained tax exempt status in 2015 which allows us to approach higher up sponsors such as Subway, Subaru and Patagonia that we could not in the past. We plan to move forward and approach more companies that will aid us in becoming a self-sufficient event in the future. Every year the event cost more money, so this is a goal we are slowly reaching.

5. Describe your plans for advertising and promoting your proposed activity or facility. BOTG focuses on placing ads in kiteboarding magazines and posting ads and event information on surrounding area forums, such as NWkite. We also use social media outlets to advertise, such as Facebook and Instagram (@botgkitefestival). Updates will also be shared on those platforms. BOTG Also shares event info, dates, times and summary with the Pioneer Paper, and River Talk Weekly. BOTG also hangs poster ads in local and surrounding areas. In 2025 we hope to have our new website up and running where we can partner more with local businesses and promote them as our sponsors on a wide digital platform.

6. Explain how your activity or facility will result in increased tourism and overnight stays. Our three-day event attracts 200-300 spectators, of which 90% are from out of town. Only about 5-10% generate overnight stays in Stevenson. Many kites and spectators often return to enjoy Stevenson amenities and waterfront, many of which would never have known about the area. We work with many local businesses and restaurants in an effort to get more tourism.

7. *List the number of tourists expected to attend your activity or facility in each of these categories (*required):

1. 30 Staying overnight in paid accommodations.
2. 10 Staying overnight in unpaid accommodations (with friends or family) and traveling 50 miles or more from their place of residence or business.
3. 200 Staying for the day only and traveling 50 miles or more from their place of residence or business.
4. 160 Attend but are not included in any one of the categories above.

5. 11 Estimated number of participants in any of the above categories that attend from another state or country.

8. Explain how you will coordinate with the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce for promotion of your proposed activity or facility. Describe any other partnerships you plan to develop to help ensure the success of your project.

We have worked closely with the Chamber, Port and City in the past to list our event on their websites and social media and provide flyers and other information with them about the event. BOTG became members of the Chamber in 2024, and with this partnership we hope to promote tourism, involve the current community and potential new residents of Skamania as well as provide the opportunity to enjoy amazing conditions and beauty this county has to offer.

The Chamber also aids us in printing out all flyers, registration forms as well as insurance forms, use of equipment and web facilities.

9. If your proposal is for construction of a tourism-related facility, explain your plans for operation and maintenance of the facility.

10. Describe how you will encourage support of Stevenson businesses, restaurants, retail and lodging? Many restaurants and businesses are sponsors and we regularly promote them during the event. BOTG Kitefest creates a direct boost in economic activity the weekend of the event and indirectly develops additional visitors and activity throughout the summer, and shoulder months as kiteboarders and wingers have found Stevenson Kite beach to be a fun and beautiful place to enjoy the wind and water.

11. Submit an itemized revenue and expense budget. What percentage of your revenue budget does this request for funding represent? List any other expected revenue sources and amounts.

The funding from the city helps us facilitate the cost of promotional material, all of which say Stevenson WA. For Example: T-shirts, Banners, Posters, Stickers, Awards, Digital Promotion.

12. Sign and date your proposal.

Rachel Callahan

Rachel Callahan

10/4/2024

Signature

Printed Name

Date

You may attach additional information to help the Tourism Advisory Committee evaluate your proposal.

If multiple activities are planned, please submit a separate application for each activity.