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**Keep your tax dollars local and support the economic vitality of downtown Ellensburg through the Washington State Main Street Tax Credit Incentive Program**

**What is THE MAIN STREET TAX CREDIT INCENTIVE PROGRAM?**

* **Beginning January 9th- March 31st**, each Main Street community can receive up to $213,333.33 in pledge donations from local businesses like you. There are 36 Main Street communities competing for these funds and Ellensburg has a goal to secure 100% of our share by November 1st.
* **April 3rd the program opens again for Q2-4.**  November 15th is the deadline for all 2023 pledges to be reported and received at the EDA.

**How the tax credit works:**

* **Year 1**- Pay the Department of Revenue 100% of your B & O tax bill AND donate any additional amount of your choice to the EDA through the Main Street Tax Credit Incentive Program.

**Benefits:**

* The following year, **receive a 75% tax credit from your EDA donation the previous year**.
  + Example: Donate $4k in 2023 and receive a $3k tax credit in 2024.
* **Every consecutive year you donate to the EDA- 75% of your donation is prepaying your taxes** for the following year.
* Your full pledged amount is also tax deductible since the EDA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit.
* **See your tax dollars working locally,** by supporting the EDA in our mission to empower and preserve community by amplifying our economy and creating a sense of place for all.
* **Your company will be featured as a program supporter** on the EDA’s website, events, Annual Meeting and social media pages. Let us know how you would like to see these tax dollars utilized locally.

**pledging is easy and just takes a few minutes:**

* **Visit the WA Department of Revenue’s** [**www.dor.wa.gov**](http://www.dor.wa.gov)**to make your pledge.**

1. Sign in or create an account
2. Choose **“More Excise Tax Options”** in the Account box
3. Select **“Manage/Apply for a Tax Credit”** in the Credits box
4. Select **“Add Main Street Application”**
5. Find **Ellensburg Downtown Association** and enter the Contribution Amount; click next
6. Fill in the required information and **Submit**.

**Screen shot instructions**: <https://preservewa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Main-Street-Application-Guide-1.pdf>

**Before November 15th, 2023**make your donation payment of the pledged amount to the Ellensburg Downtown Association by mailing a check to 109 East 3rd Ave, Suite 1, Ellensburg, WA 98926.

Please contact Brenda DeVore, EDA Executive Director, to learn more about how to take advantage of this one-of-a-kind program at [Director@EllensburgDowntown.org](mailto:Director@EllensburgDowntown.org) or 509-962-6246.