



# Main Street Tax Credit Incentive Program

We're excited to let you know the Washington State Legislature has provided a special way for you to support the revitalization of Port Townsend!

In 2005, legislation was passed to create the "Main Street Tax Credit Incentive Program." Through the program, businesses are eligible to take a B&O tax credit for contributions given to eligible downtown revitalization organizations, including the Port Townsend Main Street Program (PTMSP). In effect, this refocuses a portion of your B&O tax dollars towards home supporting our local organization and its activities with its mission to support the historic districts. PTMSP is eligible to receive up to \$133,333 in tax credit contributions annually. However, time is of the essence – there is a cap on the amount of credits available statewide each year.

## The Main Street Tax Incentive Program, By the Numbers

- 75% of your contribution to Port Townsend Main Street Program in 2009 may be used against your 2010 B&O tax liability.
- The full amount (100%) of your contribution to the PTMSP *may* qualify as a 501(c)3 charitable deduction on your company's 2009 IRS tax return (check with your tax accountant).
- Tax Incentive Program Examples:

If your check to PTMSP in <b>2009</b> is for:	Your <b>2010</b> B&O tax credit:	Your <b>2009</b> IRS deduction may be up to:
1,000.00	750.00	1,000.00
5,000.00	3,750.00	5,000.00
7,500.00	5,625.00	7,500.00
10,000.00	7,500.00	10,000.00
25,000.00	18,750.00	25,000.00

## How the Program Works

You must register online and be an e-filer with the Washington State Department of Revenue to take advantage of this opportunity. Tax credits are available on a first come, first serve basis, so please pledge as early in the year as possible. If you need assistance, you may contact Kathy Meincke at the Department of Revenue at (360) 902-7135 [kathleenm@dor.wa.gov](mailto:kathleenm@dor.wa.gov). Here are the steps to follow after registering as an e-filer:

1. Go to the Department of Revenue web site at <http://dor.wa.gov/> and enter your e-file site.
2. Click "List of Services."
3. Click on "Apply for Main Street Tax Credit."
4. Click on "Get Started."
5. Using the scroll down list, select "Port Townsend Main Street Program" as the organization you will make a contribution to. Click on "Next."
6. Type in your contribution amount and click on "Next."
7. Review the summary page – it will show your contribution amount and the amount of your B&O Tax Credit. If all is correct, click on "Submit."
8. Approval is almost instantaneous – you will see confirmation of your contribution amount and your B&O tax credit.
9. After receiving approval, you must make your contribution to the Port Townsend Main Street Program anytime on or before December 31, 2009.
10. Once you make your contribution, be sure to get a receipt from the Port Townsend Main Street Program and to take your tax credit in 2010!

**Remember:** The benefits of the program to you may vary, depending on your type of business, your tax commitment, and other factors. Interested contributors should contact their accountants to confirm the full extent of the tax benefit under the program.

Main Street Tax Incentive information is on the Port Townsend Main Street Program website at [www.ptmainstreet.org](http://www.ptmainstreet.org)