FAQs:

1. **Question:** What events qualify and what events do not qualify?

   Answer: Eligible events must be in Washington County, Oregon, and are open to the public. Non-visitor events such as meetings, conventions, dinners, auctions, fund-raisers, galas, school events, classes/workshops, clinics, camps, on-going permanent events are not eligible. Event Support and Sponsorships will also not be provided for routine operational expenses such as salaries, business operating costs, travel and mileage.

2. **Question:** Can I preview the application questions before filling out the official application?

   Answer: Yes. We encourage you to download the application questions before filling out the application.

3. **Question:** Where can I access the application and what are the methods of submission?

   Answer: You can find the application on ETV's website. You can fill out the application online, or you can submit your completed application to engage@tualatinvalley.org. If you require a paper copy, please email engage@tualatinvalley.org or call 503-644-5555.

4. **Question:** Can an organization receive more than one Inspiration Award in a single event award cycle?

   Answer: No. Organizations are eligible to receive only one Inspiration Award per event award cycle.

5. **Question:** Can our organization submit more than one application in this cycle?

   Answer: Only one strategic investment grant project per organization has the ability to be awarded per fiscal year. We recommend that organizations submit an application for the event that aligns most closely with the guidelines.

6. **Question:** Are there restrictions to what the Inspiration Award funds can be used for?

   Answer: Yes. Some of these restrictions include, (but are not limited to): Administrative or membership fees, salaries, business operating costs, travel and mileage, apparel for volunteers and/or staff, non-visitor events (examples include, but are not limited to: dinners, auctions, fund-raisers, galas, school events, classes/workshops, clinics, camps, etc.)

7. **Question:** Does Explore Tualatin Valley require recognition for funds awarded?

   Answer: Yes. ETV requires recognition in the promotion of projects recognizing the financial contribution and support provided by ETV. Where possible, credit should say: “This event is funded in part using strategic investment funds provided by Explore Tualatin Valley,” and will include the Explore Tualatin Valley logo, provided by ETV.

8. **Question:** Are there legal compliance guidelines that I need to be aware of?

   Answer: Yes. Legal requirements/compliance/guidelines: Recipient hereby certifies that it has complied, and agrees that it shall comply, with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, executive orders and ordinances related to expenditure of the Strategic Investment grant moneys and the activities financed with the Strategic Investment grant moneys. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Recipient expressly agrees to comply with (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (b) Section V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (c) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and ORS 659A.142, (d) all regulations and administrative rules established pursuant to the foregoing laws, and (e) all other application requirements of federal and state civil rights and rehabilitation statutes, rules and regulations.

9. **Question: Are government agencies eligible to apply for the Heart & Inspiration Award?**

   Answer: No. The program is intended to support eligible nonprofit and community-based organizations leading tourism-related destination development projects