

# PORT TOWNSEND ARTS COMMISSION

## Funding Support for Public Events and Exhibits

### VENUE ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

According to the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1992, individuals with disabilities are protected from discrimination "in the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity enjoyed by others in the **services, programs, or activities** provided or made available [funded] by local governments, their instrumentalities or agencies".

Thus, in order to operate legally and to assure that ALL members of our community may benefit from arts events funded (wholly or in part) through the PT Arts Commission **any event receiving funding must be held in an accessible venue** and that **accessibility and any inaccessible aspects of a venue be noted in the publicity for each event.**

"Accessible" means that anyone in a wheelchair, scooter, walker or on crutches or cane(s) can gain access and entry to and enjoy/participate in the event being held as can anyone who is temporarily able-bodied - this includes access to accessible restroom/ toilet facilities.

The accessibility of several Port Townsend area venues are on record. If you are not sure, DASH (Disability Awareness Starts Here) has agreed to do assessments free of charge. Call 360-379-0274, or 360-379-5064.

Please check each question below. For further information, consult the booklet "People First: Planning Events Everyone Can Attend," which is available in City Hall, 2nd floor.

Can a person with mobility issues or using walker, crutches, wheelchair, or scooter:

park near venue in a Handicapped Parking space?

enter the building without assistance? (i.e..no stairs or barriers to entry, door able to be opened with closed fist and not too heavily weighted minimum)

enjoy/participate in the event as fully as a temporarily able-bodied person? (i.e., wheelchair seating, elevator or lift if more than one floor minimum)

Are the restroom/toilet facilities accessible? (i.e., toilet at least 17" high, grab bars minimum requirements)