

2 **HB 2400 - H AMD 912**

3 By Representative Morris

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5 On page 2, after line 35, insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) There is established in the council under RCW 43.31.855 a grant  
9 program to support business recruitment efforts. The purpose of the  
10 program is to assist local associate development organizations in  
11 business recruitment efforts by providing grants to assist in marketing  
12 the area to businesses on a national and international basis.

13 (2) Applications for funding under this section must:

14 (a) Be submitted by either a local associate development  
15 organization or a consortium of associate development organizations;

16 (b) Contain evidence of active participation in the development of  
17 the business recruitment effort between local governments, the  
18 community, and other local development organizations that serve the  
19 region;

20 (c) Contain a description of the proposed project and how it will  
21 assist the region in its business recruitment efforts; and

22 (d) Contain other information the director deems necessary.

23 (3) In making grants under this section, the department shall give  
24 preference to applications based on the following criteria:

25 (a) The degree of leverage of other funds, including in-kind match,  
26 committed to the project;

27 (b) The degree of community support for the proposed project; and

28 (c) The degree the proposed project is coordinated with existing  
29 state or local business recruitment efforts.

30 (4) The funding of an activity under this section is not an  
31 obligation of the state of Washington to provide ongoing funding in  
32 future years.

33 (5) The director may establish, by rule, such other requirements as  
34 the director may reasonably determine necessary and appropriate to  
35 assure that the purpose of this section is satisfied.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) There is established in the council under RCW 43.31.855 a grant  
4 program to support the development of local international marketing  
5 efforts.    The program shall assist businesses located in distressed  
6 areas to market their products and services on an international basis  
7 by providing grants to local economic development councils to assist in  
8 developing international marketing efforts.

9        (2) Applications for funding under this section must:

10        (a) Be submitted by a local economic development council;

11        (b) Contain evidence of active participation in the development of  
12 the application between local governments, the business community, and  
13 other local economic development organizations in the area;

14        (c) Contain a description of the proposed project and how it will  
15 assist the selected businesses in the distressed area market their  
16 products and services on an international basis; and

17        (d) Contain other information the director deems necessary.

18        (3) In making awards under this section, the department shall:

19        (a) Not provide more than twenty-five percent of the funds  
20 appropriated for the purposes of this section to any one county;

21        (b) Consider the degree of other funds, including in-kind match,  
22 committed to the project;

23        (c) Consider the degree of community and business support for the  
24 proposed project; and

25        (d) Consider the degree the proposed project is coordinated with  
26 existing state and local economic development efforts in the county.

27        (4) The department is responsible for determining the scope of  
28 services delivered under these contracts.

29        (5) Activities funded under this section may be considered for  
30 funding in future years, but shall be considered under the terms and  
31 conditions as new activities.    Funding of an activity under this  
32 section shall not constitute an obligation by the state of Washington  
33 to provide ongoing funding.

34        (6) The director may establish, by rule, such other requirements as  
35 the director may reasonably determine necessary and appropriate to  
36 assure that the purpose of this section is satisfied.

37        (7) As used in this section, "distressed area" has the same meaning  
38 as in RCW 43.165.010.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    (1) The sum of four hundred thousand  
2 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
3 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, from the general fund to the  
4 state rural development council for the purposes of section 2 of this  
5 act.

6        (2) The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as  
7 may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
8 1999, from the general fund to the state rural development council for  
9 the purposes of section 3 of this act."

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