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By Representatives Morris, DeBolt, Doumit, Mielke, Linville, Kessler, Gardner, Ogden, Butler, Anderson and O'Brien

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1 AN ACT Relating to grants to promote regional business recruitment  
2 efforts; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; and making an  
3 appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of four hundred thousand dollars, or  
18 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal  
19 year ending June 30, 1999, from the general fund to the department of  
20 community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of this  
21 act.

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