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By Representatives Eickmeyer, Morris, Kessler, Gardner, Quall, Anderson, Linville, DeBolt, Butler, Regala, Doumit and O'Brien

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1 AN ACT Relating to grants to support international marketing
2 efforts; adding a new section to chapter 43.31 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 43.31 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) There is established in the department a grant program to
8 support the development of local international marketing efforts. The
9 program shall assist businesses located in distressed areas to market
10 their products and services on an international basis by providing
11 grants to local economic development councils to assist in developing
12 international marketing efforts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 (c) Consider the degree of community and business support for the
11 proposed project; and

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

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

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

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

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

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or
27 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal
28 year ending June 30, 1999, from the general fund to the department of
29 community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of this
30 act.

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