# Port of Seattle Economic Development Partnership Program

Building effective economic development alliances throughout King County



### **Economic Development Partnership Program**

- Commission created this program in 2016 to support partnerships with King County cities
- The "Economic Development Partnership Program" provides cities with per capita funding to support economic development projects
- In the 2017-2018 funding cycle, approximately \$950,000 was award to 30 cities to support projects that create middle class jobs, generate local economic impacts, and promote region wide prosperity



Kenmore Business Incubator training session.

## **Cooperative Program**

- King County cities receive funding to advance local economic development projects throughout the region.
- Annual grant funding provided on a \$1 per capita formula:
  - Grants capped at \$65,000
  - Smallest cities receive a minimum of \$5,000
- Cities contribute a 50% project match where up to 25% of Port match can be in-kind resources



City of Shoreline working with citizens to create a plan for part of the Ridgecrest Business District.



## **2018 Project Initiatives**

- 1. Business Recruitment
- 2. Fostering Local Entrepreneurship
- 3. Downtown Revitalization
- 4. Public Art Campaign

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## **Recruitment and Entrepreneurship**

- **Retail Attraction** 
  - 53 retailers/restaurants identified for recruitment
- Business Training Startup425
  - 10 workshops (out of 52 offered in 2018)
  - 6,500 users on the website (19,000 page views)
- Work Lounge MindShare
  - Support for up to 75 start-ups in Renton





### **Downtown Revitalization and Public Art**

- **Business Support** 
  - "Creating Stellar Storefronts" Workshops
  - Store-owner design consolations to increase sales
  - Mini façade program (awnings, signage, lighting)
- Sunset Shines Campaign
  - Utility box wraps along business corridor
  - Downtown mural program to promote community engagement/ vibrancy





Lynne Strickland Executive Director of Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee Opening Night of the AMP Training Center





#### EMPLOYER RECEPTION

Join AJAC for our Employer Reception to kick-off the new Advanced Manufacturing Prep (AMP) Training Center in Kent, Washington! Located next to Airways Brewing, join us for beer tasting, appetizers and a tour of the new facility! If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Ferrell: 206-456-8858 or <u>aferrel@ajactraining.org</u>. Cheers!





#### RETAINING TODAY'S MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE

Learn about barriers today's workforce faces and what your company can do to increase retention rates

- Creating a workplace where employees thrive
- Rentention toolkit with
  practical solutions
- What does your industry uniquely face that causes retention issues?
- Signs you can't ignore that indicate retention issues
- How to solve personal issues before they become workplace/productivity issues
- What is your retention rate and strategy? What do you want to improve?

NO COST | CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED!

JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> | 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. AMP Training Center: 8605 S. 212th St, Kent, WA 98031







### **Thank you.** William Ellis

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### **Comprehensive Plan Implementation**

- Pacific Comprehensive Plan
  - ED-24: Retain and support the expansion of existing businesses that offer secure, quality employment, and actively participate to enhance community values
  - ED-25: Maintain an inventory of commercial and industrial sites.
- Sumner/Pacific Manufacturing Industrial Center (MIC) Subarea Plan
  - SPMIC-1.9 Develop incentives that attract incubator businesses in established industrial lands that are affordable to entrepreneurs.





#### **City of Pacific Economic Development Survey**

\*Aggregate Results from 21 Respondents





### **Project Outcomes**

- Will help the City retain existing businesses and encourage new businesses to move to Pacific.
- The project data will help the City reach out to businesses to determine their needs (monthly/quarterly meetings with businesses).
- The business license data will help the City paint an overall economic picture (community profile) of Pacific
- The intelligence gathered will compliment the "buildable lands" survey that will be conducted in 2019.
- The summary information will be available on the City's updated website.

### **Program Evaluation Framework**



### 2017-2018 Grant Program Cycle

#### Projects by category:

- Business Assistance/Recruitment and Retention: 11 cities
- Planning/Feasibility Studies: 7 cities
- Marketing: 12 cities
- Tourism/Wayfinding: 15 cities
- Website Development/Enhancement: 3 cities
- Workforce Development: 1 city

#### EDP Program Allocated and Expanded Funds, 2017-2018



Sources: Port of Seattle, 2018; Community Attributes, 2018.



## **Evaluation Findings**

#### • Benefits of EDP Program Funding

- 'Seed' money to support innovative efforts
- Generate follow-up ideas, provide traction
- Increase a city's capacity

#### Projects Outcome Measurement

- Long-term objectives
- Part of ongoing city planning efforts
- Additional resources required
- Implementation Challenges
  - Project timeframes
  - Multiple sub-projects



City of Lake Forest Park Town Center Vision.



## **Evaluation Findings**

#### • Partnerships

- Leverage partnerships for other initiatives
- Pooling resources
- EDP Program Process Feedback
  - Flexibility in the funding provided
  - Allowing extra time for certain projects
  - Opportunity to share ideas and collaborate with other cities
  - Increase Port exposure



#### City of North Bend Visitor Website: Discovernorthbend.com.



#### **Recommendation: Provide competitive funding in addition to Core Grants**

- Decrease maximum city per capita award amounts from \$65,000 to \$50,000
- Create a \$100,000 funding pool to support competitive grant awards for projects
  - \$10,000 maximum award
  - Prioritized for: smaller cities, regional projects, and special projects that align with Port initiatives (ex. Diversity in Contracting, Workforce Development)
  - Would add special section to current application for cities interested in competing for these extra funds

#### **Recommendation: Provide Impact Measurement Support to Cities**

- Work with cities to define project outcomes early in grant process that can be analyzed using economic impact analysis
  - Example: Economic impact outcomes for placemaking
- Develop a workshop covering effective economic development outcome measurement
- Conduct periodic economic impact analysis of the program as a whole

#### **Recommendation: Vary Reporting Requirements With Grant Amounts**

- Work to streamline grant processes for cities
- Work more closely with smaller cities throughout the grant process
- Balance ease of reporting with need for accountability
  - Some reporting is needed to meet state auditing requirements

#### **Recommendation: Facilitate Countywide Teamwork**

- Continue to visit participating cities during grant implementation to ensure that projects are unfolding smoothly and cities have resources for success
  - Use these visits to also identify/ discuss future initiatives
- Host quarterly meetings with participating cities to discuss economic development topics and share project updates
  - Use these meeting to support two to three economic development workshops that provide key staff and community leaders practical training
  - Bring other partners to meetings to promote collaboration (ex. Greater Seattle Partners)



## **APPENDIX SLIDES**

### 2017-2018 Program Grant Award Utilized

Algona	\$ -
Auburn (part)	\$ 65,000
Beaux Arts Village	\$ -
Bellevue	\$ 49,116
Black Diamond	\$ -
Bothell (part)	\$ 26,860
Burien	\$ 50,000
Carnation	\$ 5,000*
Clyde Hill	\$ -
Covington	\$ 13,051
Des Moines	\$ 30,800
Duvall	\$ 7,425
Enumclaw (part)	\$ 11,400*

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North Bend	\$ 6,570
Pacific (part)	\$ 6,797
Redmond	\$ 47,354
Renton	\$ 65,000
Sammamish	\$ 61,250
SeaTac	\$ 27,810*
Shoreline	\$ 36,986
Skykomish	\$ 5,000
Snoqualmie	\$ 10,000
Tukwila	\$ 13,160
Woodinville	\$ 11,570
Yarrow Point	\$ -

### **Eligible Activities**

- **Business recruitment** initiatives designed to attract new companies to a region or city;
- Small business development (including incubator/accelerator projects);
- Industry retention and expansion assistance Tourism development;
- Downtown revitalization;
- Commercial or industrial property development; and
- Other community or economic development projects that support new investment and job creation.

### **Program Guidelines**

- The awards are available to 38 cities in King County, based on a \$1 per capita formula.
- Awards are capped at \$65,000 with a minimum of \$5,000 for small cities.
- A 50% local match, with up to 25% in-kind resources, of the total Port grant award is required.
- Funds cannot be used in capital projects.
- Cities may contract with local non-profits to deliver projects or manage initiatives.
- Cities may collaborate or aggregate regionally to enhance impact or outcomes.

## **Program Guidelines (continued)**

- Projects should align with city's economic development strategy and support the Port's Century Agenda or business interests.
- Specific deliverables and costs must be identified and documented.
- Port funds will be released on a cost reimbursement basis with documentation.
- Cities are strongly encouraged to discuss proposed projects/uses of funds with Port of Seattle staff early in concept. The Port will accept applications starting in starting after the December 13, 2018 Kick-off meeting.

### **2019 Program Timelines**

**Project implementation** 

- November 1, 2018
- December 13
- January 2019
- January February
- 2017-2018 projects final reports dues Economic Partnership 2017-2018 Meeting Applications Submitted to POS
- Applications reviewed POS, agreements negotiated, and agreements approved with participating cities
- February October
- November 1

2019 EDP program projects final reports dues

## Economic Development Partnership Program

 The Port expects this program to drive Century Agenda goals through purposeful and powerful economic development partnerships with local cities.



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