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## Tourism Marketing Grant Program 2019



## **Program Delivers Results**

- Tourism Partnership program advances statewide tourism and use of Port facilities
- Program heading into the fourth year
- Producing good results and building effective partnerships across Washington
  - Generating visitor interest and travel
  - Smaller organizations VERY appreciative

"Advance this region as a leading tourism destination and business gateway"

## **Statewide Participation**



King County	11
Eastern Washington	6
Olympic Peninsula	4
Western Washington	5

**Promoting Use of Port Facilities and Terminals** 

## **Planned Changes**

- Continue outreach to:
  - Eco/sustainable tourism organizations offering visitor experiences
  - Tribal tourism entities
  - Cultural and historical attractions
- Limit repeat recipients
- Improve project implementation time frame – Obtain authorization to announce program in December
- Encourage Match Contribution



**Improving the Program**