ITEM NO: <u>8b</u> DATE OF MEETING: <u>April 10, 2018</u>

Tourism Marketing Support Program 2018 Funding Recommendations



Tourism Marketing Partnership

Promotes the Region as a Leading Tourism Destination

- Increase visitors and visitors expenditures throughout Washington state
- Expand utilization of the Port's assets
- Demonstrates partnership with travel organizations
- Demonstrates Port's leadership in visitor industry



Advancing the Century Agenda

2018 Marketing Partnerships

- \$200,000 available
- 45 applicants -- \$393,500 in funding requested
- Review committee selected a total of 26 recipients
 - 10 Previous Recipients, 16 New Awardee Projects
 - 22 Culture/Eco/Nature projects
 - Recipient match funds \$148,008

⊡Trade show/sales trip \square Fam tours **Event promotion ☑** Digital media **⊡**International marketing Culture/eco/nature tourism ✓ Travel articles/public relations

Diverse Tourism Investments Across the State

Promoting Attractions Statewide



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

Promoting Use of Port Facilities and Terminals

Generating Interest for Asian Travel

Wing Luke Museum and Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection developing specialized translation tour information for Chinese Market





Cultural / Historical

Promoting Outdoor Recreation

Grays Harbor will produce two national audience focused podcasts highlighting recreational coastal outdoor activities and sports fishing.





Ecotourism

Hanford Reactor B

Tri-Cities to develop and marketing a tourism website to promote Manhattan Project Historical Park Hanford Reactor B



Cultural / Historical

Growing WA Bicycle Ride Events

National Public Relations effort and advertising on a national level to reach non resident bike enthusiasts



Adventure/Recreation

Port Return on Investment

- 8M impressions
- 37K Click thrus



• Ticket sales increase 56%



• First international food, wine & travel conference



Results Generate increased Awareness, Interest and Visitors

Partnership



67 Local Organizations Investing \$300,000+ to Support Initiative