

Legislative Requests 2018

As the State's trade association for economic development;

WEDA is committed to recruiting, retaining and expanding jobs in Washington State

\$5.6 Million

Move existing funding for ADO's back to the General Fund

In 2017, the Legislature moved \$5.6 million in funding for Associate Development Organizations (ADO's) from the General Fund to the Economic Development Strategic Reserve Fund (RCW 43.330.260). WEDA requests that the \$5.6 million be allocated through general fund.

\$4 Million

Restoration of the Economic Development Strategic Reserve Fund

The Economic Development Strategic Reserve Fund helps create jobs and grow businesses across the State. This funding was eliminated during the 2017 session, and WEDA requests that \$4 million in funding be restored to this account.

\$250,000

Appropriation to Support Rural Economic Development

WEDA requests an operating budget appropriation to study strategies and best practices for economic development and job creation in rural and underserved communities. The study will include successful examples of how rural and underserved communities have recruited technology employers and increased technology related jobs in their communities.
