

July 2, 2018

Leana Johnson City of Stevenson PO Box 371 Stevenson, WA 98648

Dear Leana,

Enclosed is City of Stevenson's statement for Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019). This annual assessment to Mid-Columbia Economic Development District supports regional economic development initiatives. These resources leverage additional federal, state and local funds. In FY 2018, your local dues assessment helped us engage in our core functions, including:

- Implementing the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Find the summary and full document at **mcedd.org.**
- Providing direct business assistance through our loan programs. An independent analysis of this program highlighted that our loans have helped our businesses reach **total wage growth of \$40 million** with more than 50% of wage growth attributable to jobs paying higher than average wages for the region.
- Offering technical assistance. MCEDD provided support to increase the region's receipt of federal public works funding. We also provide grant administration for projects.
- Furthering new regional transportation connections and taking on operations for the LINK transportation system. Learn more about new services at gorgetranslink.com!
- Supporting industry development. With a focus on the rapidly growing value added ag and tech sectors, among others.

Thank you for your continued support of MCEDD programs and projects.

Sincerely,

Amanda Hoey Executive Director