**CITY OF BLAINE**

**REQUEST FOR BLAINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BEDAC) ACTION**

**MEETING DATE**: October 3, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Request $50,000 from RED Funds in 2018 to contract with an economic development consultant to represent the City of Blaine

**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager **PREPARED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**ATTACHMENTS**: none

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

Last spring the Revenue Task Force recommended the City take a more active approach to economic development in fiscal year 2018. That recommendation was reviewed by the BEDAC and forwarded to the City Council. Council received the report and referred the recommendation back to the BEDAC with direction to submit a request for funds in the 2018 budget to implement the recommendation.

This request for action asks the BEDAC to consider a $50,000 request from the Rural Economic Development (RED) funds to hire a contractor or firm to represent the City of Blaine to business enterprises for the purpose of relocating their business to the City, starting up a new business enterprise in the City, or expanding their business within the City.

If the request is approved by the BEDAC, staff recommends preparing a request for proposal to be reviewed by the Committee in December in preparation of approval in the FY2018 budget. If approved by the City Council, the RFP will be advertised and the consultant or firm will be selected and contracted immediately to begin representing the City.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:** None at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve a recommendation to request $50,000 from RED funds in FY 2018 for economic development budget.
2. Modify the recommendation to request $50,000 from RED funds for economic development.
3. Do nothing at this time.