



HANFORD AREA ECONOMIC INVESTMENT FUND



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**HANFORD AREA ECONOMIC INVESTMENT FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
GRANTING \$150,000 TO THE PORT OF KENNEWICK AND CITY OF KENNEWICK FOR
THE NEXT PHASE OF THE COLUMBIA GARDENS WINE & ARTISAN VILLAGE**

Kennewick, WA--On **Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 2:00pm** in the **Port of Kennewick Commission Chambers located at 350 Clover Island Drive in Kennewick**, Bob Koch, Chair of the Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund Advisory Committee will be presenting a \$150,000 grant check to Port of Kennewick and City of Kennewick officials. The HAEIFAC grant will be used toward infrastructure improvements for the second phase of the joint *Columbia Gardens Urban Wine & Artisan Village* revitalization project in Kennewick's historic waterfront district.

The *Columbia Gardens Urban Wine & Artisan Village* is a Port of Kennewick-owned development site located between Columbia Drive and Clover Island Drive, adjacent to Duffy's Pond and Clover Island in Kennewick, Washington. The Port and City will receive a total of \$1.1 million in Benton County Rural County Capital Funds to support the majority of Phase 2 expenses; however, with interest rates, material, and labor costs increasing the port and city are thrilled to receive the HAEIFAC grant—which will help to ensure completion of public amenities as planned. Phase 2 costs include roads, parking, storm drainage, lighting, landscaping, signage, food truck cluster, and a public plaza. Completion of Phase 2 is anticipated for summer 2018; making shovel-ready parcels on the East Columbia Drive waterfront available for private-sector commercial investment.

The goal of the project is make public infrastructure improvements that will attract businesses and jobs, and bring a renewed vitality to Kennewick's historic waterfront.

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