

AWARD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

As you know, the board held a special board meeting last night to determine who would be awarded economic development grants. We received a total of 13 grant applications totaling \$115,046. Jim Foster said there were five that he did not feel met the economic development criteria as established by statute. \$30,000 had been budgeted and each board member was asked to select his first five choices with #1's receiving 5 points, #2's 4 points, etc. In less than 30 minutes, after discussion and adding up the scores, the top 5 were determined. However, instead of giving the top two (Riverside Gymnastics and Old Fort Dalles Museum Anderson House) the full \$12,000 they had requested, the board decided to spread it more by giving the top two \$10,000, the third place because they only requested \$1,400 was given the full amount, and the remaining funds \$8,600 would be split 50-50 between the Downtown Committee who was awarded \$4,300 to install plants and planters along Second Street and Mid-Columbia Health Foundation received \$4,300 for their "Next Century Campaign to help MCMC go digital.

- Riverside Gymnastics was awarded \$10,000 to complete their vaulting facility.
- Old Fort Dalles Museum was awarded \$10,000 for a new roof on the old Anderson house.
- Mid-Columbia Center for Living was awarded \$1,400 to install a new electrical service for a wheel chair elevator in their new location, the old Tenneson Bldg.
- Downtown Committee received \$4,300 to install plants and planters along an 8 block section of downtown Second Street.
- Mid-Columbia Health Foundation received \$4,300 as matching money when applying for other grants to bring MCMC into the next century.