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Greetings!

Welcome to the Planner's Update, an electronic newsletter from CTED Growth Management Services. We send this newsletter monthly to share helpful information related to planning in Washington state. We hope the electronic format will allow you to quickly review the information and find more detail on those topics most important to you.

Please feel free to send us any comments or ideas for how to make this newsletter more useful. You can also use the link below to provide additional names of planners who might like to subscribe.

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## Planner's Update News That Planners Can Use

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### The Local Infrastructure Financing Tool

The Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT) is a public infrastructure financing mechanism available to cities, counties, and federally recognized Indian tribes. LIFT authorizes the State of Washington Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) to give sales and use tax authority to eligible local governments in the amount of \$2.5 million a year for up to 25 years.

#### Notice to eligible LIFT applicants:

Pre-application due date: January 31, 2008

Application due date: June 30, 2008

Note: There are mandatory public notice and hearing deadlines.

A LIFT workshop hosted by the Association of Washington Cities is scheduled for **December 18, 2007**, in Tacoma at the La Quinta Inn from 9 to noon. Please notify LIFT staff if you would like to receive information about the workshop â€" [cerblift@cted.wa.gov](mailto:cerblift@cted.wa.gov) or

360- 725-4049. You can download application information at [www.cted.wa.gov/cerb](http://www.cted.wa.gov/cerb). If you have any questions about the application process or need assistance, contact Matthew Ojennus

at 360-725-4047 or [cerblift@cted.wa.gov](mailto:cerblift@cted.wa.gov).

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## Protecting Nearshore Habitat and Functions in Puget Sound: An Interim Guide

This guidance has been developed as a companion to the Department of Ecology's Shoreline Master Act Guidelines and critical areas protection guidance offered by the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development.

This guide provides a synthesis of current science on several important nearshore habitats and processes, and directions for where to find data and specific recommendations for moving through the mitigation sequence; from avoidance of new activities and reducing impacts from approved activities, to mitigating for cumulative impacts.

In addition to helping local planners prepare shoreline master plan (SMP) updates, this document will also assist Ecology in their review to ensure that SMP updates are based on good science. The guide is available to download at: [http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/nearshore\\_guidelines](http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/nearshore_guidelines)

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### Grant Opportunity: Puget Sound Watershed Protection

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 has issued a request for grant proposals for Puget Sound 2008 Targeted Watershed Grants. You can access it at the following website: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/Office+of+Water/PS08RFP>.

EPA is soliciting proposals to support the protection and restoration of high valued Puget Sound aquatic resources in areas threatened by growth pressure. The grant program emphasizes local, holistic watershed protection and management approaches. Grant funds will assist local and tribal governments in managing land uses while protecting watershed functions and values. Successful projects will match proposed activities to the appropriate watershed scale to ensure environmental results.

EPA plans to award a total of \$2.5 million dollars. Up to ten awards will be made, ranging from about \$250,000 to \$625,000. Entities of local governments, special purpose districts, and federally recognized Indian tribes in the greater Puget Sound Basin are eligible to apply. State agencies, institutions of higher learning, and non-governmental entities are not eligible to directly receive these grant awards, however, EPA encourages tribes and local governments to solicit participation as local partners. Proposals are due January 31, 2008. For details, e-mail Sally Hanft, EPA, at: [hanft.sally@epa.gov](mailto:hanft.sally@epa.gov).

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