

**Link to Economic
Development
Strategy**

Port of Hoodspout—In January 2009, the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved a \$33,750 grant to the Port of Hoodspout to conduct a feasibility study to determine viable projects identified within the Port's Master Plan.



**Local Perspective of
CERB Impact**

"Infrastructure planning, construction, and upgrading are top priorities for our community. This study will assist in moving forward and sustaining the vitality of business in the greater Hoodspout area."

*-Matt Matayoshi, Executive Director
Mason County Economic Development Council*

**Positive Return on
State Investment**

Since the decline of timber and marine resources in the late 1970s, business and employment opportunities have shifted from fishing, shellfish harvesting and logging to the service, retail and government sectors. With tourism becoming a driving force in Mason County, this project will allow Hoodspout to becoming a major link in the industry.

**Catalyst for Private
and Local
Investment**

CERB funds will be matched with at least \$16,875 in local public funds.

**Unique State
Program**

CERB is Washington's strategic economic development resource, focused on creating and retaining private sector jobs in partnership with local governments. CERB supports private business development and increased employment opportunities by providing financing for public infrastructure. These investments include industrial water and sewer, telecommunications, electricity and natural gas infrastructure improvements. CERB funds also build industrial wastewater treatment facilities, roads, bridges, general-purpose industrial buildings and port facilities. Administrative support is provided by the state department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED).