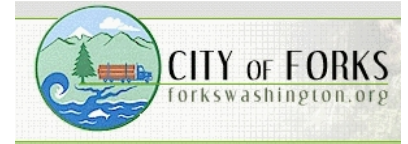


**Link to Economic
Development
Strategy**

City of Forks—In March 2009, the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved a \$17,500 grant to the City of Forks to conduct a feasibility study for the construction and operation of a pellet mill in Forks.



**Local Perspective of
CERB Impact**

“National and State energy policy goals have sparked interest in developing carbon neutral, renewable energy sources that contribute to energy independence. Developing woody bio-mass energy projects provide an important opportunity for rural, forest dependent communities to contribute to these goals and at the same time revitalize their struggling forest-based economies.”

*-John Calhoun, Director
UW Olympic Natural Resources Center*

**Positive Return on
State Investment**

At least \$7,500 in matching funds will be spent by the City of Forks on this study.

**Catalyst for Private
and Local
Investment**

Forks has historically been a resource-dependent community. However, since 1990, timber harvests from private, federal and state lands have dropped sharply. This project will encourage the development of new industrial, commercial and public sector operations which will diversify the local economy and create family-wage jobs.

**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).