

NEWS LETTER

November 2018

CERB PROJECT AWARDS - NOVEMBER 15, 2018

Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board invests \$225,000 in grants that will support community and economic development in Clallam, Okanogan, Spokane, and Whatcom counties.

The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved \$225,000 in grants for economic feasibility studies targeting business growth, job creation and rural broadband development in the Port of Port Angeles, the City of Tonasket, the Spokane Conservation District, the Port of Bellingham, and the Lummi Nation.

The **Port of Port Angeles** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Thermally Modified Wood Products Manufacturing Feasibility Study. This planning program project consists of a feasibility study to explore the benefits of having a thermally modified wood products manufacturing facility on the Olympic Peninsula, determine costs and investment needs, employment and skill requirements, and the supply requirements and demand. CERB funds were matched by \$17,000 in local resources.

The **City of Tonasket** was awarded a \$25,000 grant for the Magnificent Mile Project Study. This planning program project consists of

a feasibility study to identify potential downtown improvements that specifically target the enhancement of the curb appeal of the central business district core and improvement of public spaces, including elements which potentially incorporate stormwater control measures into streetscape designs. CERB funds were matched by \$8,350 in local resources.

The **Spokane Conservation District** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Spokane Conservation Business Campus Plan. This planning program project consists of a site development master plan to include design, engineering, permitting, and economic feasibility for the Phase I design of the Spokane Conservation Business Campus. CERB funds were matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

The **Port of Bellingham** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Rural Broadband Feasibility Study. This planning program project consists of a feasibility study to identify which areas in

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RURAL BROADBAND PROGRAM

Now Accepting Applications!

The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) has approved policies to implement the new Rural Broadband Program that was in [ESSB 6095 Section 1008](#).

The Rural Broadband Program offers low-interest loans to local governments and federally recognized Indian tribes, financing the cost to build infrastructure to provide high-speed, open-access broadband service, to rural underserved communities, for the purpose of community and economic development.

The purpose is to finance projects that are located in a rural community as defined by the Board, or a rural county, that encourages, fosters, develops, and improves broadband within the state in order to:

- Drive job creation, promote innovation, and expand markets for local businesses; or
- Serve the ongoing and growing needs of local education systems, health care system, public safety system, industries and businesses, governmental operations, and citizens; and
- Improve accessibility for underserved communities and populations.

Totals Funds Available	\$7,183,551	<u>Rural Broadband Application Deadline</u>	<u>Board Meeting</u>
Loans Funds Available	\$3,341,676	September 17, 2018	November 15, 2018
Grants Funds Available	\$3,841,675	November 14, 2018	January 17, 2019
		January 14, 2019	March 21, 2019
		March 18, 2019	May 16, 2019

The Rural Broadband application are submitted via an online portal. Please contact [Janea Delk](#) to talk about your project and to get the link to the applications.

For program requirements, threshold checklists, and more information check out the website: <http://bit.ly/CERBRuralBroadband>



CERB FUNDS AVAILABLE

CERB is focused on economic development through job creation in partnership with local governments. The Board finances public infrastructure improvements that encourage new private business development and expansion.

Contact project [Janea Delk](#), to discuss a potential project.

Totals Funds Available	\$11,362,781
Loans Funds Available	\$11,246,050
Grants Funds Available	\$2,166,991
<i>Rural County Funds</i>	<i>\$9,870,653</i>
<i>Urban County Funds</i>	<i>\$3,542,129</i>

The construction and planning applications are submitted via an online portal. Please contact staff to talk about your project and to get the link to the applications.

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<u>Tier 1 Application Deadline</u> (Tier 1 Committed Private Partner, Prospective Development Programs)	<u>Planning & Tier 2 Application Deadline</u> (Tier 2 Committed Private Partner, Prospective Development Programs)	<u>Board Meeting</u>
September 17, 2018	October 1, 2018	November 15, 2018
November 14, 2018	November 26, 2018	January 17, 2019
January 14, 2019	January 28, 2019	March 21, 2019
March 18, 2019	April 1, 2019	May 16, 2019

MEMBERSHIP

Vacancy - Currently CERB is accepting applications for the following position:

- Large Business, West of the Cascades

If you are interested in a vacant position, please contact Barbara Smith, barbara.smith@commerce.wa.gov.

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Whatcom County are unserved or underserved by broadband, and to identify the most feasible path to extend broadband infrastructure to these communities, and identify existing infrastructure and needed infrastructure to implement a countywide broadband system. CERB funds were matched by \$30,000 in local resources.

The **Lummi Nation** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Lummi Community Broadband Roadmap Plan. This planning program project consists of a feasibility study to develop a Community Broadband Roadmap to inventory current broadband infrastructure, identify physical network resources, dark fiber and the cost for local interconnections, and to develop a site location for the proposed Lummi Technology Workforce Center. CERB funds were matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

The release of CERB funds to these projects is contingent upon each applicant completing specific pre-contract requirements, such as finalizing other funding sources and obtaining necessary permits.



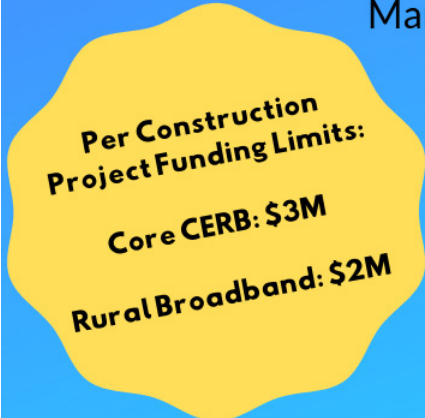
CERB Call for Projects

ONLY 2 MORE FUNDING CYCLES IN THE BIENNIUM

Next Construction Due Dates:

January 13, 2019

March 16, 2019



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