

NEWS LETTER

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CERB Project Awards - March 16, 2017

CERB invests \$2.9 million to support economic development infrastructure and planning in Benton, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Skagit, and Thurston counties.

The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved \$2,948,000 in loans and grants for public infrastructure development and economic feasibility studies targeting business growth and job creation in the City of Prosser, City of McCleary, Hoh Indian Tribe, Port of Port Townsend, Port of Bremerton, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, Port of Shelton, Port of Skagit, and the Nisqually Indian Tribe.

Benton County

The City of Prosser was awarded a \$1,700,000 loan and a \$300,000 grant for the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility Acquisition & Recommissioning construction project. The committed private partner project consists of the acquisition and recommissioning of a 4.5-acre site and wastewater treatment facility. The City will acquire and recommission the facility

and operate it as the City's primary Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant. The committed private partner, Milne Fruit, will invest \$2,000,000, retaining 113 jobs and creating 30 jobs, as a result of this project. CERB funds were matched by \$3,855,000 in local resources.

Grays Harbor County

The City of McCleary was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the McCleary Comprehensive Plan. This is a feasibility study to develop a comprehensive plan that will create policies regarding growth and development, environmentally sensitive areas, historic places, and public services. CERB funds were matched by \$16,667 in local resources.



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2016 **CERB** Legislative Report:
<http://bit.ly/2kUk2Ma>

Jefferson County

The Hoh Indian Tribe was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Hoh Tribe Broadband Feasibility Study. This is a feasibility study to access the current broadband environment, identify opportunities to enhance broadband and municipal services, and identify opportunities to accelerate the deployment of broadband infrastructure. CERB funds were matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

The Port of Port Townsend was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Point Hudson Feasibility Study. This is a feasibility study to develop a financial and economic analysis of Point Hudson, to include community engagement, analysis of the local, state, and federal regulatory framework, assessment of a designated historic district, and evaluation of infrastructure capacity. CERB funds were matched by \$20,000 in local resources.

Kitsap County

The Port of Bremerton was awarded a \$48,000 grant for the Port Orchard Breakwater Study. This is a feasibility study to initiate preliminary engineering to determine best means of infrastructure upgrades, repair or replacement of breakwater dock sections, any phasing opportunities, and costs associated with the engineering options. CERB funds were matched by \$20,000 in local resources.

Mason County

The Port of Shelton was awarded a \$300,000 loan and a \$300,000 grant for the Lynch Creek Property Expansion construction project. This committed private partner project consists of construction of three loading docks, removal of concrete footings, wall-in an additional building, conversion of building floor, asphalt repair to make site safe for vehicles and forklifts, racking and computer automation combined with smart conveyer

automation, and the installation of a 8,000 square foot cooler. The committed private partner, Lynch Creek Farms, will invest \$1,100,000, retaining 20 jobs and creating 30 jobs, as a result of this project. CERB funds were matched by \$150,000 in local resources.

Skagit County

The Port of Skagit County was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Skagit County Dark Fiber Optic Assessment and Feasibility Study. This is a feasibility study for construction of a community dark fiber optic network throughout Skagit County, linking existing infrastructure and expanding infrastructure to underserved areas of the county. CERB funds were matched by \$50,000 in local resources.

Thurston County

The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Grand Mound Business Park Study. This is a feasibility study that will include a market analysis, site plan, and strategy, for the development of an industrial park. CERB funds were matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

The Nisqually Indian Tribe was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Medicine Creek Processing, Distribution, and Cold Storage Project. This is a feasibility study to determine the financial viability of a turn-key cold storage, processing, and distribution facility, as well as create a scalable plan of action to address the creation, financing, and construction of the facility. 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.

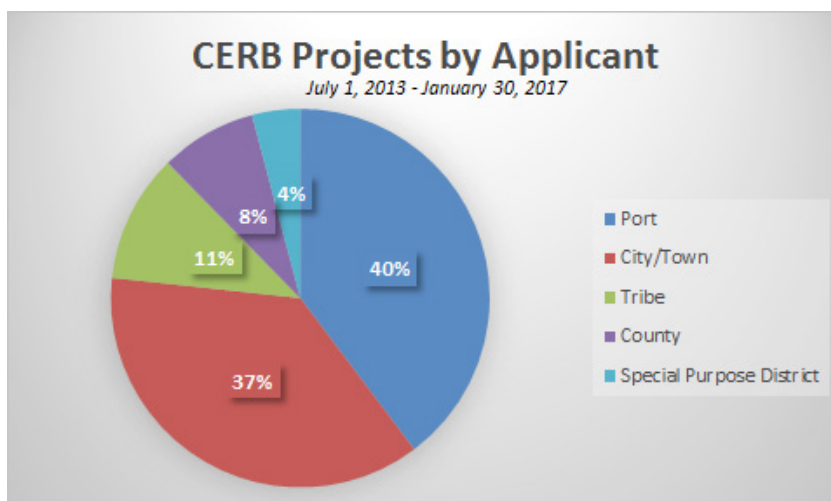
CERB is focused on economic development through job creation, in partnership with local governments. The Board finances public infrastructure improvements that encourage new private business development and expansion. Contact project development staff to discuss a potential project.

Totals Funds Available	\$7,626,769
Loans Funds Available	\$7,189,118
Grants Funds Available	\$437,651

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Since 1982, CERB has committed more than \$163 million to local jurisdictions across the state, an investment generating more than 35,000 jobs, and private capital investments of a \$5.6 billion (\$34 to \$1) return on CERB investment.

<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>
November 14, 2016	November 28, 2016	January 19, 2017
January 17, 2017	January 30, 2017	March 16, 2017
March 13, 2017	March 27, 2017	May 18, 2017
May 15, 2017	May 29, 2017	July 27, 2017

The Tier 1 application for the Committed Private Partner & Prospective Development Programs, as well as the Planning Program are submitted via an online portal. Please contact project development staff 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: www.commerce.wa.gov/CERB

Project Development Regional Map



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CERB Project Development Staff

Maybe you haven't heard, but CERB has project development staff that works with our communities to get projects ready to apply for CERB funding and/or help them find other infrastructure funding.

Do you have a project idea or need to know more about the CERB program?

Reference the map above and call your project development staff.

CERB staff will come out to your community to meet with you, to talk about funding opportunities, next steps, and how to get ready to present your project to the Board.

Board Member Vacancy

Currently CERB is accepting [applications](#) for the:

• Position #4: Small Business, East of Cascades, West of Columbia River

If you are interested in the vacant position, please contact Janea Eddy at janea.eddy@commerce.wa.gov.