

# NEWS LETTER

MAY 2017

## CERB Project Awards - May 18, 2017

**CERB invests \$4.9 million to support economic development infrastructure and planning in Chelan, Clallam, Cowlitz, Grant, Lewis, Lincoln, Snohomish, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties.**

**T**he Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved \$4,956,250 in public infrastructure development and economic feasibilities studies targeting business growth and job creation in the Port of Chelan County, Port of Woodland, City of Soap Lake, Port of Chehalis, Port of Everett, City of College Place, City of Sunnyside, and the Port of Sunnyside.

#### Chelan County:

The **Port of Chelan County** was awarded a \$50,000 grant, for the Chelan County Inventory of Industrial Land and Buildings Study. This is a feasibility study to assess and create an inventory of land and buildings in Chelan County, zoned for various types of industrial and commercial development. CERB funds were matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

#### Clallam County:

The **City of Sequim** was awarded \$50,000 grant, for the Bell Creek Economic Opportunity Area Plan. This is a “subarea plan” to include site analysis, market analysis, and direction for future development within the Bell Creek Economic Opportunity Area (EOA). CERB funds were matched by \$17,000 in local resources.

#### Cowlitz County:

The **Port of Woodland** was awarded a \$500,000 grant, for the Dark Fiber Feasibility and Market Analysis Study. This is a feasibility study and market analysis to determine the practicality of constructing the dark fiber infrastructure for two routes independently, the Return on Investment (ROI) for infrastructure, and the market needs based on the rural makeup of the routes. CERB funds were matched by \$25,000 in local resources. [\*Continued...\*](#)



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# Membership



CERB welcomes Randy Ross as the new County Representative for the Board.

Randy Ross is a first-term County Commissioner from Grays Harbor. Randy worked in the banking and financial services industry for 40 years, holding positions such as SVP & Chief

Commercial Lending Officer, Registered Representative, and licensed insurance agent. He has been very active in local economic development, having served as Chairman of Grays Harbor EDC and later Co-Chair of Greater Grays Harbor (a combined Chamber/EDC). He currently Chairs the Aberdeen Planning Commission and the Grays Harbor Community Hospital Foundation. Randy also has served on many other local boards and civic groups, including Aberdeen Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs, the Aberdeen Library Advisory Board, Aberdeen Neighborhood Housing Authority, Grays Harbor and Pacific County Food Distribution Network, and Timberland Opportunities.



CERB also welcomes Representative Jim Walsh as the House Minority Caucus Representative.

Representative Walsh was elected in 2016, to represent the 19th District, which includes parts of Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific and Wahkiakum counties. Rep. Walsh sits

on the House Business and Financial Services Committee as the assistant ranking Republican, and also serves on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Capital Budget Committees. Rep. Walsh graduated cum laude from Amherst College in 1986. He formed a small publishing company in 1998 that he continues to operate today. Rep. Walsh has written columns for the Aberdeen Daily World Newspaper, coached boys' and girls' basketball teams, and held leadership roles with local and state Republican groups. Rep. Walsh and his wife live in Aberdeen and have five children.

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CERB says goodbye to Mike Karnofski who served on the Board as the County Representative since 2013.

Representative Dave Hayes who served as the Minority Caucus Representative since 2013, has step down from his position with the Board.

Vacancy - Currently CERB is excepting applications for the Small Business, East of Cascades, West of Columbia River. If you are interested in the vacant position, please contact Janea Eddy, [janea.eddy@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:janea.eddy@commerce.wa.gov).

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## Legislative Update

CERB had an agency request for \$8 million for the 2017-19 biennium, which was the program's anticipated loan and interest repayment revenue.

In the Governor's 2017-19 Capital Budget, CERB did not receive an appropriation. The funds from the Public Facility Construction Loan Revolving Account\* were appropriated to the State's Brownfields Program, for affordable housing.

In the Senate's 2017-19 Capital Budget, CERB received a \$15 million appropriation. The Senate budget committed \$5 million from the State Building Construction Account, and \$10 million from the Public Facility Construction Loan Revolving Account.

In the House's 2017-19 Capital Budget, CERB received a \$8 million appropriation from the Public Facility Construction

Loan Revolving Account. The House budget also created the CERB Administered Rural Broadband Program with a \$5 million appropriation from the State Building Construction Account.

CERB received an operating budget in all three budgets.

\*The Public Facility Construction Loan Revolving Account, is the account CERB's loan repayments and interest payments are deposited into, this account is also the account CERB receives authority to loan and grant money from.

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### Grant County:

The **City of Soap Lake** was awarded a \$50,000 grant, for the Mineral Water System Plan. This is a feasibility study to assess the capital facilities in the mineral water system, prepare cost estimates for proposed upgrades to the system, develop a debt and revenue impact analysis, and provide an assessment of environmental impacts and permitting. CERB funds were matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

### Lewis County:

The **Port of Chehalis** was awarded a \$665,000 loan and a \$100,000 grant, for the Pinnacle Construction Project. This prospective development project consists of site preparation to include construction of earthwork, roads, underground utilities (water, sanitary sewer, electricity, telecommunications), and stormwater management, which will result in a 9-acre building pad. The Port estimates that 234 jobs will be created and \$30,000,000 will be invested, as a result of this project. CERB funds were matched by \$1,400,000 in local resources.

### Lincoln County:

The **Lincoln County** was awarded a \$50,000 grant, for the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Plan. This is a feasibility study for a highest and best use analysis of the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. CERB funds were matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

### Snohomish County:

The **Port of Everett** was awarded a \$1,850,000 loan, for the Riverside Business Park Improvements

construction project. This committed private partner project consists of a connecting road, upgrade fire flow, and re-route and install utilities (power, water, sewer and stormwater). The committed private partner, KW Projects/FedEx, will invest \$10,000,000, retaining 50 jobs and creating 49 jobs, as a result of this project. CERB funds were matched by \$1,096,000 in local resources.

### Walla Walla County:

The **City of College Place** was awarded a \$50,000 grant, for the Central College Place Planning Study. This is a feasibility study to conduct a site appropriateness survey, a location analysis, a marketing strategy, and a preliminary infrastructure analysis, to determine if the 10-acre site is appropriate for light industrial use. CERB funds were matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

### Yakima County:

The **City of Sunnyside** was awarded a \$2,000,000 loan, for the Sunnyside Community Hospital construction project. This committed private partner project consists of construction of domestic water, fire protection, sanitary sewer, and transportation improvements to the new Sunnyside Community Hospital site. The committed private partner, Sunnyside Community Hospital Association, will invest \$120,000,000, retaining 523 jobs and creating 32 jobs, as a result of this project. CERB funds were matched by \$1,000,000 in local resources.

The **Port of Sunnyside** was awarded a \$41,250 grant, for the Miles Smith Property Economic Feasibility Study. This is a feasibility study that will include an infrastructure analysis, conceptual site plan, economic feasibility study, marketing study, and wage analysis for the Miles Smith Property. CERB funds were matched by \$13,750 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.

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<b>Totals Funds Available</b>	<b>\$2,714,614*</b>
<b>Loans Funds Available</b>	<b>\$2,674,118</b>
<b>Grants Funds Available</b>	<b>\$40,496</b>
<i>Rural County Funds</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>Urban County Funds</i>	<i>\$2,714,614</i>

\*CERB expects an additional appropriation as of July 1, 2017.

<b><u>Tier 1 Application Deadline</u></b> (Tier 1 Committed Private Partner, Prospective Development Programs)	<b><u>Planning &amp; Tier 2 Application Deadline</u></b> (Tier 2 Committed Private Partner, Prospective Development Programs)	<b><u>Board Meeting</u></b>
May 15, 2017	May 29, 2017	July 27, 2017
July 17, 2017	July 31, 2017	September 21, 2017
September 18, 2017	October 2, 2017	November 16, 2017
November 13, 2017	November 27, 2017	January 18, 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](http://www.commerce.wa.gov/CERB)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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**October 24-26, 2017**

Wenatchee Convention Center  
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