

# NEWS LETTER

July 2017

## CERB PROJECT AWARDS - JULY 27, 2017\*

**CERB invests \$2.5 million in grants and low-interest loans that will support economic development in Douglas, Franklin, Jefferson, Pacific, and Skagit counties.**

**T**he Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved \$2,572,039 in loans and grants for public infrastructure development and economic feasibility studies targeting business growth and job creation in the Port of Douglas County, Port of Pasco, Port of Port Townsend, Pacific County, Port of Anacortes, and City of Everett.

### Douglas County:

The **Port of Douglas County** was awarded a \$291,552 loan and a \$87,412 grant, for the Giga Watt Construction Project. This committed private partner project consists of construction to extend domestic water, industrial irrigation water, sanitary sewer lines, installation of power conduit, vaults, landscaping, street lighting, and stormwater facilities, excavation, compaction, and paving of roadway into the property with a cul-de-sac for fire truck turn around. The committed private partner, Giga Watt, will invest \$20,000,000, retaining 16 jobs and creating 61 jobs, as a result of this project. CERB funds were matched by \$94,741 in local resources.

### Franklin County:

The **Port of Pasco** was awarded a \$1,700,000 loan and a \$300,000 grant, for ARM Aerial Research Facility Project. This committed private partner project consists of construction of a 17,727 square foot pre-engineered metal building frame with metal sheeting and a metal roof. The committed private partner, Battelle Memorial Institute, will retain 15 jobs and create 3 jobs, as a result of this project. DOE Office of Science is investing \$26,000,000 into sophisticated science equipment that will be housed in this building. CERB funds were matched by \$600,000 in local resources.

### Jefferson County:

The **Port of Port Townsend** was awarded a \$50,000 grant, for the Quilcene Marina and Industrial Site Study. This is a feasibility study to develop a Business Plan for the properties at the Quilcene Marina and Industrial Site that supports tenant growth, Port financial sustainability, and community benefits. CERB funds were matched by \$17,000 in local resources.

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# MEMBERSHIP



CERB welcomes back Michael Echanove as the new General Public Representative for the Board.

Michael is the mayor for the City of Palouse, Washington. He has 23 years of experience in City Hall as both mayor and

as a former city councilman. He is a 33 year staff member in the Information Technology department of Washington State University, Pullman and along with his wife Paula co-owns the Green Frog Café in Palouse. Michael holds a BS in Business from the University of Idaho.



CERB also welcomes Mark Barkley as the Department of Commerce Ex-Officio Representative.

Mark Barkley has been with the Department of Commerce since 2013 and currently serves as assistant director for the Local Government Division.

Mark's responsibilities include coordinating with the Public Works Board and Community and Economic Revitalization Board (CERB). He also oversees Community Development Block Grants, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund and Growth Management Services. He has over 20 years of experience working with both state and federal contracts. After serving 25 years in the U.S. Army, Mark worked for two years at the Department of Transportation before coming to Commerce. He has a bachelor's degree in economics from Seattle University and a master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University. Mark lives in Rainier with his wife and children.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 2017 legislative session ended without passing a new 2017-19 capital budget.

This means that the CERB program is suspended, and will not be excepting any project applications until a capital budget is passed.

On a positive note, a re-appropriation capital budget passed which means all projects currently under contract or are working on pre-contract conditions are funded and will continue to be managed through CERB normal process.

However, no new projects can be awarded funding until the 2017-19 capital budget is passed.\*

The following excerpt from the Governor's message provides some hope that the legislature will still come to agreement on a new Capital budget:

*"I hope once legislators return to their districts and hear from community leaders, school officials and constituents whose projects or programs are being disrupted, they'll agree to return to Olympia to pass the capital budget."*  
– Governor Jay Inslee

\*CERB had \$2.7m in carry forward (re-appropriation) from the 2015-17 Biennium, these funds were used to award projects at the July 27, 2017, meeting.

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**V**acancy - Currently CERB is excepting applications for the following positions:

- Small Business, East of Cascades, West of Columbia River
- Large Business, West of the Cascades

If you are interested in a vacant position, please contact Janea Eddy, [janea.eddy@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:janea.eddy@commerce.wa.gov).

## CERB PROJECT AWARDS - JULY 27, 2017 CONTINUED

### Pacific County:

**Pacific County** was awarded a \$49,200 grant, for the Pacific County Economic Development Plan. This is a feasibility study to develop an Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP) to address stagnant economic growth in Pacific County to include six identified geographic/culturally distinct sub-planning areas. CERB funds were matched by \$16,400 in local resources.

### Skagit County:

The **Port of Anacortes** was awarded a \$50,000 grant, for the Waterfront Property Development Strategy Study. This is a feasibility study to develop a real estate strategy that will include a market assessment, conceptual site planning, and business plan for subject properties. CERB funds were matched by \$29,000 in local resources.

### Snohomish County:

The **City of Everett** was awarded a \$45,000 grant, for the City of Everett Innovation Center. This is a feasibility study to finalize the construction requirements, financial support, and operations of the Innovation Center in the City of Everett. CERB funds were matched by \$13,500 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.*

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



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