



Economic Development – Federal Funding Opportunities – Coordination and Tracking

Update to the Legislature per SB6220 Section 1(3)

In 2016, the Washington State Legislature passed [Senate Bill 6220](#). The law, Chapter 12, Laws of 2016, concerned “Economic Development – Federal Funding Opportunities – Coordination and Tracking,” and directed the Department of Commerce to:

...track the amount of federal economic development funding received and disbursed along with any required state, local, or other matching requirements and annually provide the information to the economic development committees of the house of representatives and the senate.

The Commerce Office of Economic Development and Competitiveness is focused on delivering strategic small business support services to firms across Washington state, with a specific focus on serving underserved communities, such as rural areas, and minority- and women-owned businesses. This is also an ongoing priority related to cultivation of additional federal grant opportunities. During State Fiscal Year 2017, Commerce had six active economic development federal awards.

Federal Awards

Federal Agency	Federal Program	Award Period	Federal Award	Federal Funding Spent to Date (June 30, 2017)	Federal Funding Disbursed in SFY 2017	Match Requirements
U.S. Department of Commerce	Market Development Cooperator Program Washington State Aerospace Accelerator	10/01/2014-09/30/2017	\$297,282	\$255,837	\$28,000	\$618,401
U.S. Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment	Community Planning Assistance Funds	10/01/2014-09/30/2016	\$4,349,721 amended 4/29/2014 to \$4,882,542	\$4,409,882	\$1,608,803	\$501,700 or 10.3 percent of total project costs shall be contributed by non-Grantor sources. Amended to \$561,756

U.S. Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment	Community Planning Assistance Funds	10/01/2016-09/30/2017	\$1,342,459	\$1,023,249	\$212,690	\$150,009
U.S. Small Business Administration	State Trade and Export Promotion Program 2015	09/30/2015-09/29/2016	\$747,300	\$747,300	\$156,723	\$402,346
U.S. Small Business Administration	State Trade Expansion Program 2016	9/30/2016-9/29/2017	\$850,000	\$561,321	\$331,416	\$283,333
U.S. Department of the Treasury	State Small Business Credit Initiative	10/31/2011-03/31/2017	\$19,722,515	\$19,722,515	\$1,269,671	NA

Other Federal Awards

In addition to the awards received directly, Commerce has been a sub-grantee to awards received by:

- Innovate Washington Foundation through U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the *Make it in Washington* project.
- Washington State Employment Security Department, through U.S. Department of Labor Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, for identifying, projecting, quantifying and closing the mid-level skills gap in the life sciences and global health industry.
- Puget Sound Regional Council through U.S. Department of Commerce EDA for *Washington Aerospace Manufacturing Community Organizational Development* project.

Moving Forward

For the 2017-2019 Biennium, Commerce received a six-month extension on the Department of Defense grant to focus on outreach and technical assistance to rural defense contractors with best practices learned in 2015-2017.

Commerce successfully applied for and received a \$200,000 award from the U.S. Department of Commerce EDA for a *Build Washington Manufacturing* project to develop a technical assistance program and business network to support local government and small- and medium-sized enterprises within the manufacturing sector.

For the fifth year in a row, Washington state received a State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration. The award is for \$900,000, \$50,000 more than was in the original application. This is the sixth time Commerce has received this funding.

The STEP program helps state businesses access global markets and increase sales worldwide. More than 580 small businesses have benefited from STEP, generating \$512 million in sales since its inception through the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010. STEP funds can be used to offset pre-approved export expenses, join state-sponsored trade missions and trade shows overseas, and help secure export financing from local banks.

Commerce was also awarded a \$500,000 grant through the U.S. Commerce EDA Regional Innovation Strategies (RIS) program to support *Washington Maritime Blue 2050*, a statewide vision for creating and expanding the nation's most sustainable ocean industry and technology cluster. Objectives include the completion of a 2050 vision and strategy for Washington's maritime industry, establish an organized Blue Tech / Blue Jobs cluster within Washington State, and support the development of the Washington Maritime Innovation Center.

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