

# NEWS LETTER

May 2018

## CERB PROJECT AWARDS - MAY 17, 2018

**CERB invests \$2.25 million in low-interest loans and grants that will support economic development in Adams, Grant, Mason, Skamania, and Walla Walla counties.**

The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved \$2,250,000 in loans and grants for public infrastructure development and economic feasibility studies targeting business growth and job creation in the City of Othello, Port of Moses Lake, Port of Royal Slope, Port of Shelton, City of Stevenson, and City of College Place.

The **City of Othello** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Industrial Water Treatment Feasibility Plan. This is a feasibility study to explore the potential for industrial wastewater treatment within the City's Water Sustainability Vision, including the various uses of the discharge, treatment alternatives to achieve the projected uses, cost of the treatment alternatives, funding scenarios, and regulatory requirements. CERB funds were matched by \$41,000 in local resources.

The **Port of Moses Lake** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Industrial Park Feasibility Study. This is a feasibility study to evaluate

a conceptual 2,086-acre Industrial Park on the west side of the Port's Airport (GCIA). CERB funds were matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

The **Port of Royal Slope** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Development of Land for Industrial Park Plan. This is a master plan for 400 acres adjacent to the industrial park. The plan will include: wetland delineation; long plat or binding site plan - determining the location of the roads, waterline, power line and rail spurs; SEPA/NEPA; and a feasibility study for a wastewater treatment plant. CERB funds were matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

The **Port of Shelton** was awarded a \$1,500,000 loan and \$50,000 grant for the Belco Forest Products Building Expansion project. The Belco Forest Products project consists of construction of a 30,000 square foot warehouse building, including stormwater improvements, major electrical improvements, and a fire sprinkler system. The committed private

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# MEMBERSHIP

## May 17 Projects cont.

partner, Belco Forest Products, will invest \$750,000, retaining 30 jobs and creating 38 jobs as a result of this project. CERB funds were matched by \$500,000 in local resources.

The **City of Stevenson** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Stevenson Snakebite Facility Study. This is a feasibility study to develop a comprehensive, long-term approach to resolve the City's lack of wastewater capacity. CERB funds were matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

The **City of College Place** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the South College Place Planning Study. This is a feasibility study to determine if light industrial (food processing/wine) would be a conducive use of 60+ acres of land located near State Route 125 from Meadowbrook Drive to Old Milton Highway. 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 says goodbye to Representative Cindy Ryu, as she resigned from her position on the Board on April 26, 2018. CERB welcomes Representative Mike Chapman as the House Democratic Caucus Representative, who has served as Representative Ryu's alternate.

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

- Large Business, West of the Cascades
- Small business, East of the Puget Sound, West of the Cascades

If you are interested in a vacant position, please contact Barbara Smith, [barbara.smith@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:barbara.smith@commerce.wa.gov).

## CERB AVAILABLE FUNDS

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 Jaena Delk, to discuss a potential project.

<b>Totals Funds Available</b>	<b>\$13,108,278</b>
<b>Loans Funds Available</b>	<b>\$10,351,050</b>
<b>Grants Funds Available</b>	<b>\$2,757,228</b>
<i>Rural County Funds</i>	<i>\$9,416,150</i>
<i>Urban County Funds</i>	<i>\$3,692,128</i>

<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 14, 2018	May 28, 2018	July 27, 2018
July 16, 2018	July 30, 2018	September 20, 2018
September 17, 2018	October 1, 2018	November 15, 2018

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 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)

# NEW RURAL BROADBAND PROGRAM

## Rural Broadband Workshops are coming to an area near you.

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.

CERB will be holding workshops around the state starting in June, registration is on the [website](#):

- June 4 – Sequim
- June 5 – South Bend
- June 11 – Ephrata
- June 12 – Newport
- June 13 – Pomeroy

<b>Totals Funds Available</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	<b><u>Rural Broadband Application Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Board Meeting</u></b>
<b>Loans Funds Available</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	July 16, 2018	<b>September 20, 2018</b>
<b>Grants Funds Available</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	September 17, 2018	<b>November 15, 2018</b>

The Rural Broadband application are submitted via an online portal. Please contact 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: <http://bit.ly/CERBRuralBroadband>

