

NEWS LETTER

May 2018

CERB PROJECT AWARDS - JULY 26, 2018

CERB invests \$1,450,000 in low-interest loans and grants that will support economic development in Clallam, Douglas, Island, and Pend Oreille counties.

The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved \$1,450,000 in loans and grants for public infrastructure development and economic feasibility Studies targeting business growth and job creation in the Port of Port Angeles, Port of Douglas County, Island County, and the City of Newport.

The **Port of Port Angeles** was awarded a \$1,105,000 loan and \$195,000 grant for the Marine Trades Industrial Park Wash-Down Facility. This prospective development project consists of construction of Phase 1A of the Marine Trades Industrial Park, which includes the construction of an 18,500 square foot boat wash-down facility. The Port estimates that 250 jobs will be created within five years, as a result of this project. CERB funds were matched by \$1,325,105 in local resources.

The **Port of Douglas County** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Rock Island Adaptive Reuse Feasibility Study. This is a feasibility study for the adaptive reuse of

two closed industrial buildings on the Columbia River, at the former American Silicon Smelter facility. CERB funds were matched by \$200,000 in local resources.

Island County was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Whidbey Airport Access Study. This is a feasibility study to develop a conceptual alignment of a new public road to the Whidbey Airpark Industrial Area from SR 525. CERB funds were matched with \$16,667 in local resources.

The **City of Newport** was awarded \$50,000 grant for the Newport Hotel/Motel Feasibility Study. This is a feasibility study to analyze the demand for a hotel/motel, determine the appropriate size, construction and operation costs, and job creation. 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.

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2018 LIFT Legislative Report,
[here.](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Vacancy - Currently CERB is accepting 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.

Save the Date
October 23-25, 2018

2018 IACC Conference

Wenatchee Convention Center
www.infracfunding.wa.gov/conference

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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 Janea Delk, to discuss a potential project.

Totals Funds Available	\$11,764,013
Loans Funds Available	\$9,246,050
Grants Funds Available	\$,517,963
<i>Rural County Funds</i>	<i>\$8,040,634</i>
<i>Urban County Funds</i>	<i>\$3,692,128</i>

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

Tier 1 Application Deadline (Tier 1 Committed Private Partner, Prospective Development Programs)	Planning & Tier 2 Application Deadline (Tier 2 Committed Private Partner, Prospective Development Programs)	Board Meeting
July 16, 2018	July 30, 2018	September 20, 2018
September 17, 2018	October 1, 2018	November 15, 2018
November 12, 2018	November 26, 2018	January 17, 2019

NEW RURAL BROADBAND PROGRAM

Now Accepting Applications!

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.

Totals Funds Available	\$10,000,000	<u>Rural Broadband Application Deadline</u>	<u>Board Meeting</u>
Loans Funds Available	\$5,000,000	July 16, 2018	September 20, 2018
Grants Funds Available	\$5,000,000	September 17, 2018	November 15, 2018
		November 12, 2018	January 17, 2019

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.

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