



CERB PROJECT AWARDS - JULY 16, 2020

Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board invests \$3,225,000 in low-interest loans and grants that will support community and economic development and rural broadband infrastructure in Cowlitz, Douglas, Grays Harbor, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, and Walla Walla counties.

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“CERB projects represent an important partnership between the state and local communities resulting in enhanced economic vitality. In these uncertain times of COVID19, the Board is pleased to be able collaborate with each of these communities to support future economic development,”
— Randy Hayden, CERB Chair

The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved \$2,005,000 in loans and \$1,170,000 in grants for economic development, public infrastructure development and economic feasibility studies targeting business growth, job creation and rural broadband development.

The **Port of Woodland** was awarded a \$375,000 loan and a \$375,000 grant for the Ariel to Cougar Build project. This project consists of engineering and construction of dark fiber

infrastructure on aerial poles with last mile components between Ariel and Cougar along highway 503. CERB funds are matched by \$187,500 in local resources.

The **Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for for the Adaptive Reuse – Giga Watt Site study. This is a feasibility study to determine potential uses for the recently closed block chain facility in the Port-owned Pangborn Airport Business Park. CERB funds are matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

The **Port of Grays Harbor County** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the East T4 Cargo Yard Expansion Plan study. This project consists of a site development plan for the 55-acre former WSDOT pontoon construction site to provide phased development alternatives with permitting matrices and infrastructure costs associated

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with each phase so the site can be developed and used as demand for space increases. CERB funds are matched by \$20,000 in local resources.

The **Port of Skagit County** was awarded a \$1,800,000 loan and a \$60,000 grant for the Lot 24 - Island Grown Construction Project. This project consists of construction to include utilities, site work, excavation and infill to make the site pad ready for Island Grown Farmers' Cooperative. The Port's Committed Private Partner is Island Grown Farmers' Cooperative. They are investing \$1,000,000 in the private project. CERB funds are matched by \$60,000 in local resources.

The **Port of Skamania County** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Cascade Business Park Market Feasibility Study. This is a feasibility and marketing study to direct future development of a 42-acre undeveloped industrial/business park. CERB funds are matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

The **Town of Darrington** was awarded a \$1,500,000 loan and a \$500,000 grant for the Darrington Wood Innovation Center Construction Project. This project consists of land acquisition, engineering and design, construction, and site prep of utilities to support the construction of the Darrington Wood Innovation Center. The Town's Committed Private Partner is Darrington Wood Innovation Center LLC, who are investing \$45,000,000 in the private project. CERB funds are matched by \$7,500,000 in Federal, State and local resources.

The **City of College Place** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the City-Owned Flex Light-Industrial Building Planning Study. This is a feasibility study to examine three sites; to determine the appropriate location, size, costs, and specs of a flex light-industrial structure that would be city-owned. CERB funds are matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

The **Port of Walla Walla** was awarded a \$35,000 grant for the Walla Walla County Broadband Feasibility Study. This is a feasibility study to evaluate opportunities to develop last-mile connections to the existing infrastructure and to identify locations that do not have adequate infrastructure to serve the communities and industries throughout the County. CERB funds are matched by \$15,000 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 BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

The following Board member positions are open as of September 3, 2020. Their terms expire on September 2, 2023.

Position #1: Large Business, West of Cascades – Application Form (Word)

Applicants for Position 1 must be employed by a large business located West of the Cascade Mountains.

Position #5: Small Business, West of Puget Sound – Application Form (Word)

Applicants for Position 5 must be employed by a small business located West of the Puget Sound.

Position #9: Small Business, East of Columbia River – Application Form (Word)

Applicants for Position 9 must be employed by a small business located east of the Columbia River.

Position #12: Federally Recognized Indian Tribe Representative – Application Form (Word)

Applicants for Position 12 must represent a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe within Washington State.

CERB meets six times a year, on the Third Thursday of every other month, in Lacey, WA. Meetings typically start at 9 am and run until about 3 pm. Terms are for 3 years, and members may serve up to two terms, unless filling an unexpired term.

To apply, please download the application form, fill it out, sign it, and return it to the address listed on the last page of the form. Applications may be sent electronically by scanning and emailing them to the address shown.

2019-21 CERB FUNDS AVAILABLE

CORE CERB

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.

Totals Funds Available	\$5,813,718
Loans Funds Available	\$4,613,879
Grants Funds Available	\$1,199,839
<i>Rural County Funds</i>	<i>\$5,863,718</i>
<i>Urban County Funds</i>	<i>\$425,000</i>

The construction applications are submitted via an online portal. Please contact staff to talk about your project and to get the link to the applications. Contact [Janea Delk](#), to discuss a potential project.

For program requirements, threshold checklists, and more information check out the website:

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<u>Tier 1 Application Deadline</u> (Tier 1 Committed Private Partner, Prospective Development Programs)	<u>Tier 2 Application Deadline</u> (Tier 2 Committed Private Partner, Prospective Development Programs)	<u>Board Meeting</u>
July 13, 2020	July 27, 2020	September 17, 2020
September 14, 2020	September 28, 2020	November 19, 2020
November 16, 2020	November 30, 2020	January 21, 2021

RURAL BROADBAND

The Board finances public infrastructure to provide high-speed, open-access broadband service, to rural underserved communities, for the purpose of community and economic development.

The Rural Broadband application are submitted via an online portal. Please contact [Janea Delk](#) to talk about your project and to get the link to the applications.

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Totals Funds Available	\$1,656,000
Loans Funds Available	\$828,000
Grants Funds Available	\$828,000

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July 13, 2020	September 17, 2020
September 14, 2020	November 19, 2020
November 16, 2020	January 21, 2021