



## CERB PROJECT AWARDS - SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board invests \$1,100,000 in low-interest loans and grants that will support community and economic development and rural broadband infrastructure in Pend Oreille, San Juan, and Thurston 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 \$750,000 in loans and \$300,000 in grants for economic development, public infrastructure development and economic feasibility studies targeting business growth, job creation and rural broadband development.

**Pend Oreille County** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Pend Oreille Business Park Feasibility Study. This is a feasibility study that will include infrastructure planning and identification of

easements and access points; for a future business park on the 240-acre South Bench property located south of the town of Newport. CERB funds are matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

The **Port of Friday Harbor** was awarded a \$750,000 loan and a \$250,000 grant for the Port of Friday Harbor Marine Technical Center. This project consists of site development and construction of an approximately 15,000 square foot Marine Technical Center building on Port owned land. This project is expected to create 42 jobs and generate \$2,000,000 in private investment. CERB funds are matched by \$1,000,000 in local resources.

The **Nisqually Indian Tribe** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Nisqually Broadband Regional Feasibility Study – Proposal 3. This is a feasibility study to review the potential viability of a Fiber-

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Optic Open Access Network (OPN) in the Thurston County town of Tenino, west to Interstate 5, and the surrounding areas north to the Olympia Airport, to include analysis of the project concept, financial feasibility, permitting requirements, regional market, and sustainability. CERB funds are 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 BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

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

### **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.

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.*

## NEW CERB BOARD MEMBER



### **William Glassford**

Bill Glassford has over 40 years of government and banking experience: in Washington State, in Washington, D.C., and overseas. Based in Seattle, he currently responsible for Global Financial Institutions

for Zions Bancorporation which does business in Washington State under the name The Commerce Bank of Washington.

Mr. Glassford has a long history of community involvement including chairing the Washington State Economic Development Finance Authority (WEDFA), serving as a member of the Trade Finance Advisory Committee for the US Secretary of Commerce, and being an Advisory Committee member to the University of Washington's Jackson School of International Studies. He has also taken a keen interest in international activities including being a past chair of the Washington State China Relations Council, past chair of the World Affairs Council, past chair of the Japan America Society, and founder/past chair of the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle.

# 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.

<b>Totals Funds Available</b>	<b>\$4,714,138</b>
<b>Loans Funds Available</b>	<b>\$3,863,879</b>
<b>Grants Funds Available</b>	<b>\$850,259</b>
<i>Rural County Funds</i>	<i>\$4,289,138</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:

[www.commerce.wa.gov/CERB](http://www.commerce.wa.gov/CERB)

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

## 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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<b>Totals Funds Available</b>	<b>\$1,656,000</b>
<b>Loans Funds Available</b>	<b>\$828,000</b>
<b>Grants Funds Available</b>	<b>\$828,000</b>

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