



CERB PROJECT AWARDS - JANUARY 21, 2021

Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board invests \$4,656,000 in low-interest loans and grants that will support community and economic development and rural broadband infrastructure in two communities in Spokane County.

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“Targeted local investment in public facilities is essential to building a foundation for successful and sustainable economic growth. Our mission through CERB is to help local governments and Tribes finance their vision for the future.”

— Randy Hayden, CERB Chair

The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved \$3,828,000 in loans and \$828,000 in grants for economic development, public infrastructure development and economic feasibility studies targeting business growth, job creation and rural broadband development.

The Kalispel Tribe was awarded an \$828,000 loan and an \$828,000 grant for the Kalispel Tribe of Indians Rural Broadband Project. This project consists of design and construction of dark fiber routes to serve Tribal residential and business/industrial lands. This

project is expected to produce 419 connections, at a speed of 1G/1G, and result in 8 Internet Service Providers servicing the area. CERB funds are matched by \$533,333 in local resources.

The **Spokane Conservation District** was awarded a \$3,000,000 loan for the Conservation Campus Phase II project. This project consists of construction of a 14,000 square foot building and underground utilities to include water, sewer, storm water, telecommunications, electrical, gas and erosion control practices. The District’s Committed Private Partner, Intrinium, Inc., is investing \$350,000 in the private project which is expected to create and retain an estimated 201 jobs within five years. CERB funds are matched by \$750,000 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.

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NEW CERB BOARD MEMBERS



Kim Roberts
Position #5, Small Business,
West of Puget Sound

Kim Roberts and her family operate Westport Winery Garden Resort, Ocean's Daughter Distillery, the Sea Glass Grill, and the International Mermaid Museum. In the past she and her husband Blain owned Lahaina Divers on Maui. She had her USCG 100-tons

Masters' license for 25 years. She has two Bachelors' degrees from Washington State University's School of Engineering in Architecture and Architectural Studies. Roberts is the Vice-Chair of the Grays Harbor Planning Commission. She served as a Washington State Wine Commissioner and has been on the board of Greater Grays Harbor, The Ocean Recreation Council of Hawaii, Maui Commercial Boaters and Ocean Affiliated Transportation Association, the Westport Charter Association, the Washington Charter Association. The Roberts' received the Community Involvement award from Seattle Business Magazine in 2018. They were Washington Winery to Watch in 2011, Most Admired Winery in North America in 2017, and USA Today Top Five Winery Restaurant in the US in 2016.



Katie Nelson
Position #9, Small
Business, East of
Columbia River

Katie Nelson works with her family at their farm, Kamiak Vineyards and winery, Gordon Estate. Prior to joining the family business, she was the Communications and Government Affairs Coordinator for the Washington State Potato Commission. Katie is a Pasco native, and earned her Bachelor of

Science in Agricultural Economics from Washington State University in 1998. She is also a Class 39 graduate of the Washington AgForestry Leadership Program. She serves on the TRIDEC Board of Directors, the Advisory Council for

WSU Tri-Cities, and the Government Relations Committee for the Washington Winegrowers Association. She is an active member of St. Patrick Parish in Pasco, and volunteers regularly for St. Patrick School and Tri-Cities Prep. Katie and her husband Marc live on the family farm, and are proud parents of 3 active sons.

CERB BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

The following Board member position is open as of December 31, 2020. The term expires on September 2, 2022.

Position #8, County Official

Applicants for Position #8 are recruited by the Washington State Association of Counties. Please contact Derek Anderson at (360) 489-3020, or Danderson@wsac.org.

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.

2021 CERB LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[SB5175](#) - Concerning the authority of the community economic revitalization board, was co-sponsored by Senator Nguyen and Senator Wellman.

This bill will give CERB the authority to permanently administer the program. This bill has no fiscal impact as CERB already administers the program. CERB is not seeking a separate capital appropriation for this program. The capital appropriation that is allocated to CERB will cover all 4 of our administered programs. *(Codification gives CERB permanent authority to administer the program, which allows local governments and Tribes to apply for funding to build broadband projects.)*

A [public hearing](#) for SB5175 was held in the Business, Financial Services, & Trade Committee the morning on January 21, 2021.

For more information about CERB projects and CERB's 2021 Legislative priorities check out our recently published [2020 Core CERB Legislative Report](#) and the [2020 Rural Broadband Legislative Report](#).

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.

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| Totals Funds Available | \$1,821,778 |
| Loans Funds Available | \$963,125 |
| Grants Funds Available | \$858,653 |
| <i>Rural County Funds</i> | <i>\$1,821,778</i> |
| <i>Urban County Funds</i> | <i>\$0</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

| <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> |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| January 18, 2021 | February 1, 2021 | March 18, 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.

Funding not available until the 2021-23 capital budget passes.