



Washington Community Economic Revitalization Board invests \$17,980,867 in 13 counties

CERB PROJECT AWARDS - JULY 14 & 15, 2021

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“CERB’s mission is to help local governments and tribes finance their vision for the future. As we move forward from COVID-19, this is more important than ever. Targeted local investment in economic development and rural broadband infrastructure is essential to building a foundation for successful and sustainable economic growth. In these unprecedented times, the projects approved for funding represent the economic, cultural, and geographic diversity of our state. These investments will have a positive economic impact at a time when it is needed the most.”
— Randy Hayden, CERB Chair

The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) today approved \$2,658,000 in low-interest loans and \$15,322,867 in grants for planning, economic development and rural broadband infrastructure construction projects.

Committed Private Partner

Cowlitz County - The City of Castle Rock was awarded a \$1,500,000 loan and a \$500,000 grant for the Exit 48 Water Main Extension Project. This project consists of construction of 8,300 feet of a 12” diameter potable water main from the Reservoir to exit 48 on I-5 and then under I-5 and BNSF railroad to industrial property which would supply potable water, industrial flows, and fire protection. The City’s Committed Private Partner, Compass Group LLC and Tapani Inc., is investing \$2,750,000 in the private project, which is expected to create 92 full-time jobs. CERB funds were matched by \$575,300 in local resources.

Pacific County - The Port of Ilwaco was awarded a \$637,500 loan and a \$112,500 grant for the Port’s Port of Ilwaco Bulkhead Replacement Project. This project consists of engineering and construction for replacement of a

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major bulkhead and
Awarded Projects Continued

redevelopment of adjacent
shoreside infrastructure. The
Port's Committed Private Partner,
Safe Coast Seafoods, WA, is
investing \$2,400,000 in the private
project, which is expected to
create and retain 90 full-time
jobs. CERB funds were matched
by \$2,677,500 in local and Federal
resources.

**Skagit County - The Port of Skagit
County** was awarded a \$408,000
loan and a \$72,000 grant for the
Chuckanut Brewery Expansion
Project. This project consists of
construction to include utilities,
site work, excavation and infill
to make the site pad-ready
for Chuckanut Brewery, LLC.
The Port's Committed Private
Partner, Chuckanut Brewery, LLC,
is investing \$2,500,000 in the
private project, which is expected
to create and retain 19 full-time
jobs. CERB funds were matched by
\$120,000 in local resources.

Planning

Kittitas County - Kittias County
was awarded a \$50,000 grant for
the Kittitas County Broadband
Improvement Study. This
project consists of a county-
wide broadband feasibility study
(excluding Ellensburg and Kittitas
PUD service area). CERB funds
were matched by \$16,667 in local
resources.

**Kittitas County - The Kittias
Public Utility District No. 1** was
awarded a \$50,000 grant for the
Kittitas PUD Broadband Planning
Study. This project consists of a
broadband feasibility study for
East Kittitas County, excluding

Ellensburg. CERB funds were
matched by \$12,500 in local
resources.

**Thurston County - The Public
Utility District No. 1 of Thurston
County** was awarded a \$50,000
grant for the Thurston PUD
Broadband Planning Study. This
project consists of a broadband
feasibility study to analyze the
current broadband infrastructure
in Thurston County and to
determine the possibility of
broadband infrastructure
expansion in areas deemed as
unserved. CERB funds were
matched by \$12,500 in local
resources.

Rural Broadband - Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund

**Asotin County - The Port
of Clarkston** was awarded
a \$1,155,885 grant for the
Northwest Clarkston Heights FTTx
Project. This project consists of
engineering and construction to
the FTTx site and connections
to individual homes/building at
Clarkston Heights west of Scenic
Way and north of Ben Johnson
Road. This project is expected
to produce 286 connections, at
a speed of 1G/1G, and result
in 5 Internet Service Providers
servicing the area. CERB funds
are matched by \$300,000 in local
resources.

**Clark County - The Port of
Ridgefield** was awarded a
\$1,880,800 grant for the
Downtown Ridgefield and Hillhurst
Neighborhood Project. This
project consists of engineering and
construction of fiber infrastructure
in the Downtown Ridgefield and
Hillhurst Neighborhoods within
the City of Ridgefield. This project

is expected to produce 608
connections, at a speed of 1G/1G,
and result in 7 Internet Service
Providers servicing the area. CERB
funds are matched by \$470,200 in
local resources.

**Cowlitz County - The Port of
Woodland** was awarded a
\$1,976,496 grant for the Ariel to
Cougar Fiber to Home Project
– Phase 2. This project consists
of design and construction of
middle mile and last mile fiber
between Ariel and Cougar
with a focus on residential and
business connections. This project
is expected to produce 638
connections, at a speed of 1G/1G,
and result in 3 Internet Service
Providers servicing the area. CERB
funds are matched by \$494,124 in
local resources.

**Columbia County - The Port
of Columbia** was awarded
a \$2,000,000 grant for the
Dayton Community Broadband
Project. This project consists of
engineering and construction of
broadband infrastructure to serve
the City of Dayton and outlying
adjacent areas. This project
is expected to produce 1,287
connections, at a speed of 1G/1G,
and result in 5 Internet Service
Providers servicing the area. CERB
funds are matched by \$500,000 in
local resources.

**Garfield County - The Port of
Garfield** was awarded a \$323,482
grant for the Phase 2 FTTH Garfield
County Project. This project
consists of design and construction
of last mile connections west
of Pomeroy and in Pataha, as
well as a couple of underground
connections in Pomeroy city limits
that were unable to be served
with aerial during Phase 1. This

project is expected to produce 55 connections, at a speed of 1G/1G, and result in 3 Internet Service Providers servicing the area. CERB funds are matched by \$404,352 in local resources.

Kitsap County - The Public Utility District #1 of Kitsap County was awarded a \$1,565,363 grant for the Larson Lane Fiber to the Home Project. This project consists of construction of middle mile and last mile along Larson Lane, Glory Lane, Cheyney Lane, Buckshot Place and Deer Haven Lane in Seabeck, WA. This project is expected to produce 79 connections, at a speed of 1G/1G, and result in 7 Internet Service Providers servicing the area. CERB funds are matched by \$391,341 in local resources.

Lincoln County - Lincoln County was awarded a \$1,963,920 grant for the FTTx in Almira, Creston and Harrington Project. This project consists of design and construction of the project, including materials to build the backbone between Wilbur and Almira and the last mile FTTx in Almira, Creston and Harrington. This project is expected to produce 536 connections, at a speed of 1G/1G, and result in 6 Internet Service Providers servicing the area. CERB funds are matched by \$490,980 in local resources.

Walla Walla County - The Port of Walla Walla was awarded a \$2,000,000 grant for the Walla Walla County Broadband – Rural County Install Project. This project consists of design and construction of last mile connections in Touchet, Prescott and Waitsburg. This project is expected to produce 775 connections, at a speed of

1G/1G, and result in 8 Internet Service Providers servicing the area. CERB funds are matched by \$567,650 in local resources.

Whitman County - The Port of Whitman County was awarded a \$1,734,921 grant for the Malden/Pine City FTTx Project. This project consists of design and construction of middle mile and last mile fiber in Pine City and the surrounding areas. This project is expected to produce 79 connections, at a speed of 1G/1G, and result in 2 Internet Service Providers servicing the area. CERB funds are matched by \$433,730 in local resources.

The release of CERB funds to these projects are contingent upon each applicant completing specific pre-contract requirements, such as finalizing other funding sources and obtaining necessary permits.

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](#).

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2021 IACC Online Conference
October 19-21, 2021

For more information: <http://www.infracfunding.wa.gov/conference.html>



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NEW CERB BOARD MEMBER

Janet St Clair
Position #8, County Official



Janet St. Clair is currently an Island County Commissioner representing District 3, encompassing Camano Island and North Whidbey. Janet had a 30 year career in social work and was a senior executive leading programs in the nonprofit sector working with community and governmental systems to improve the lives of people served. Janet and her husband moved to Camano Island in 2013 to enjoy the natural beauty and rural nature of our islands. After failing retirement, she ran for office in 2018 to work on responsive government, healthcare access, sustainability and better broadband for economic, educational and health equity. She has served on multiple local and regional boards and participates on the Health Policy Committee for the National Association of Counties and on the legislative and broadband committees for Washington State Association of Counties. Janet is an avid sailor and loves the outdoors. She has a large blended family with many children and grandchildren and a dog named Bogey.

2021-23 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	\$22,022,472
Loans Funds Available	\$16,393,854
Grants Funds Available	\$5,628,618
<i>Rural County Funds</i>	<i>\$15,721,854</i>
<i>Urban County Funds</i>	<i>\$6,300,618</i>

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.

Totals Funds Available	\$10,024,133
Grants Funds Available	\$10,024,133

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, & Rural Broadband Programs)	<u>Tier 2 Application Deadline</u> (Tier 2 Committed Private Partner, Prospective Development, & Planning Programs)	<u>Board Meeting</u>
July 12, 2021	July 26, 2021	September 16, 2021
September 13, 2021	September 27, 2021	November 18, 2021
November 15, 2021	November 29, 2021	January 20, 2022