



Washington Community Economic Revitalization Board invests \$10,247,000 in 9 counties

## CERB PROJECT AWARDS - SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

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*“These projects represent the range of projects that CERB funds. Projects that lead to job growth and broadband connectivity across the State through infrastructure development and planning. The board is pleased to collaborate with each of these communities as they work to create permanent private sector jobs and broadband access.”*

- CERB Chair Randy Hayden.

The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) today approved \$1,975,000 in low-interest loans and \$8,272,040 in grants for planning, economic development and rural broadband infrastructure construction projects.

### Committed Private Partner

**Benton County - The City of West Richland** was awarded a \$600,000 loan and a \$200,000 grant for the Cooperative Way Construction Project. This project consists

of roadway improvements to include a 36 foot wide roadway, storm water, domestic water and telecommunication infrastructure improvements. Their committed private partner is Benton Rural Electric Association (BREA), who are investing \$6,000,000 in the private project. The project is estimated to create 7 full time jobs and retain 4 full time jobs. CERB funds were matched by \$200,000 in local resources.

### Prospective Development **Yakima County - The Port of Sunnyside**

was awarded a \$375,000 loan and a \$125,000 grant for the Planters Hotel Construction Project. This project consists of renovation of an existing 2,500 square foot building to serve the local food and beverage industry. This project is estimated to create 20 full time jobs, and leverage \$50,000 in private capital investment. CERB funds were matched by \$500,000 in local resources.

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## *Awarded Projects Continued*

### **Planning**

**Klickitat County - Port of Klickitat** was awarded a \$50,000 grant to conduct the Dallesport Industrial Park Feasibility Study. This project consists of a feasibility study for the Dallesport Industrial Park to determine the infrastructure requirements and the estimated costs to make the undeveloped 519 acres shovel ready. CERB funds are matched by \$12,500 in local resources.

**Mason County - The Port of Shelton** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Sanderson Field Industrial Master Plan. This project consists of a Master Plan for Sanderson Field Industrial Park that will feature and constitute the final deliverable for a new building project. CERB funds were matched by \$12,500 in local resources.

**Whitman County - The Port of Whitman County** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Adaptive Reuse of the WSU College Avenue Steam Plant Study. This project consists of a feasibility study looking into the cleanup and remediation of petroleum and PCB contamination of the historic steam plant located on the WSU campus. CERB funds were matched by \$12,500 in local resources.

### **Rural Broadband - Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund**

**Grays Harbor County - The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation** was awarded a \$2,000,000 grant from the Coronavirus Capital Projects

Fund for the Chehalis Reservation Broadband Project. This project consists of engineering, permitting, construction of middle and last miles of approximately 34,000 linear feet fiber, on the Chehalis Reservation. The internet service provider is Wave Broadband. This project is expected to produce 264 connections, at a speed of 1G/1G, and result in three internet service providers servicing the area. CERB funds were matched by \$500,000 in local resources.

**Kitsap County - The PUD #1 of Kitsap County** was awarded a \$2,000,000 grant from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for the Kitsap PUD Hintzville Fiber to the Home Project. This project consists of construction of middle mile and last mile to serve the Hintzville area of Seabeck, WA. The internet service providers are Advanced Stream, iFiber Communications, and Net253. This project is expected to produce 484 connections, at a speed of 1G/1G, and result in seven internet service providers servicing the area. CERB funds were matched by \$2,273,613 in local resources.

**Mason County - The Mason County PUD #1** was awarded a \$797,040 grant from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for the Hood Canal-101 Broadband Project. This project consists of construction of approximately 4 miles of middle and last mile fiber along highway 101, between Triton and Lilliwaup, WA. The internet service provider is Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc.. This project is expected to produce 117 connections, at a speed of 1G/1G, and result in one internet service

provider servicing the area. CERB funds were matched by \$199,260 in local resources.

**Skagit County - The Port of Skagit County** was awarded a \$1,000,000 loan from the Rural Broadband Program and a \$1,000,000 grant from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for the East County FTTP Construction Project. This project consists of FTTP construction of aerial fiber in Concrete, Lyman, Hamilton, and Marblemount. Project will be constructed through an IRU. This will support the construction of 22 miles of fiber between Concrete and Rockport, and to the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe. The internet service provider is Northwest Fiber LLC. This project is expected to produce 1,252 connections, at a speed of 1G/1G, and result in four internet service providers servicing the area. CERB funds were matched by \$4,375,000 in local resources.

**Thurston County - The Nisqually Indian Tribe** was awarded a \$2,000,000 grant from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for the Nisqually Indian Tribe for their Nisqually 2021 OAN Broadband Project Phase I. This project consists of design, permit, and construction of an OAN line originating at the Nisqually reservation, along the Yelm/Tumwater highway, south along the Rainier/Tenino road to the town of Tenino, west to a location near the town of Rochester to meet the OAN at the Chehalis Tribe. The internet service provider is Wave Communications. This project is expected to produce 1,245 connections, at a speed of 1G/1G, and result in four internet service providers servicing the

area. CERB funds were matched by \$3,925,902 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](#).

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

## Register Today!

2021 IACC Online Conference  
October 19-21, 2021

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



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#### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:



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## **Broadband Construction Federally Funded Grants Open July 14, 2021 – October 1, 2021**

For more information:  
<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/pwb-broadband/>



#### WASHINGTON STATE BROADBAND OFFICE

## **Matching grants available for federal broadband infrastructure financing opportunities!**

**OPEN September 15, 2021 -  
November 15, 2021 at 5 p.m**

*Priority will be given to projects that have received funding from the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) or the Public Works Board (PWB) for a previous phase of the same project or a related project.*

For more information: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/washington-statewide-broadband-act/>

# 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.

<b>Totals Funds Available</b>	<b>\$20,572,472</b>
<b>Loans Funds Available</b>	<b>\$15,531,354</b>
<b>Grants Funds Available</b>	<b>\$5,041,118</b>
<i>Rural County Funds</i>	<i>\$15,071,854</i>
<i>Urban County Funds</i>	<i>\$5,500,618</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.

<b>Totals Funds Available</b>	<b>\$2,227,093</b>
<b>Grants Funds Available</b>	<b>\$2,227,093</b>

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, & <b>Rural Broadband</b> Programs)	<b><u>Tier 2 Application Deadline</u></b> (Tier 2 Committed Private Partner, Prospective Development, & <b>Planning</b> Programs)	<b><u>Board Meeting</u></b>
September 13, 2021	September 27, 2021	November 18, 2021
November 15, 2021	November 29, 2021	January 20, 2022
January 18, 2022	January 31, 2022	March 17, 2022