



CERB PROJECT AWARDS - NOVEMBER 18, 2021

The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved \$843,750 in low-interest loans and \$2,431,250 in grants for economic development, and public infrastructure development targeting business growth, job creation and broadband development in four counties.

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"CERB's role is to be responsive to local needs by making timely and smart investment decisions. The board is pleased to collaborate with each of these communities to plan for future private sector jobs and broadband connectivity for Washington families,"

- CERB Chair Randy Hayden.

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

Planning

Grays Harbor County - The Port of Grays Harbor was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Westport Marina Modernization Project Plan. This project consists of a modernization plan for the moorage infrastructure of the Westport Marina. CERB funds

were matched by \$30,000 in local resources.

King County - The City of Federal Way was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Federal Way Broadband Planning Study. This project consists of a feasibility study to assess the potential for developing a high-speed city fiber network for Federal Way. CERB funds were matched by \$25,000 in federal resources.

Whatcom County - The Public Utility District #1 of Whatcom County was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Whatcom PUD #1 Broadband Mapping and Feasibility Study. This project consists of a feasibility study to assess the potential to bring high-speed broadband to Whatcom County. CERB funds were matched by \$12,500 in local resources.

Awarded Projects Continued

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Prospective Development

Cowlitz County - The Port of Woodland was awarded an \$843,750 loan and a \$281,250 grant for the Rose Way Industrial Park Building #1. This project consists of construction of a 15,000 square foot building, which includes mobilization, earthwork, grading, extending and connecting water, sewer and storm, utilities, parking lot, curbs, and sidewalks. The building will include HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and doors. This project is estimated to create 40 full time jobs. CERB funds were matched by \$1,327,070 in local resources.

Rural Broadband - Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund

Whatcom County - The Port of Bellingham was awarded a \$2,000,000 grant from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for the Whatcom County Rural Broadband project. This project consists of construction of approximately 47 miles of middle and last mile fiber in north Whatcom county along the Canadian border. The internet service provider is Pogozone. This project is expected to produce 240 connections at a speed of 300/70 Mbps, and 210 connections at a speed of 1G/1G, and result in three internet service providers

servicing the area.

CERB funds were matched by \$1,000,000 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](#).

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	\$19,297,472
Loans Funds Available	\$14,687,694
Grants Funds Available	\$4,609,868
<i>Rural County Funds</i>	<i>\$13,896,854</i>
<i>Urban County Funds</i>	<i>\$5,400,618</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	\$227,093
Grants Funds Available	\$227,093

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>
November 15, 2021	November 29, 2021	January 20, 2022
January 18, 2022	January 31, 2022	March 17, 2022