



# CERB PROJECT AWARDS - JANUARY 20, 2022

The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved \$5.1 million for economic development, and public infrastructure development targeting business growth and job creation in four counties.

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*“CERB’s mission of creating jobs and building sustainable economies statewide is vital to Washington. This mission helps local governments and tribes finance their vision for the future. In the spirit of economic recovery, these investments and CERB’s mission, is more important than ever.”*

- CERB Chair Randy Hayden.

The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) today approved \$3,937,996 in low-interest loans and \$1,136,999 in grants for planning and economic development construction projects.

Projects awarded funding are located in Franklin, Jefferson, Okanogan, and Skamania counties and will spur business growth and job creation.

## **Committed Private Partner**

**Franklin County - The Port of Pasco** was awarded a \$2,237,996 loan and a \$736,999 grant for the Tri-Cities Airport Business Center Road/Taxiway Project. This project will build 2,000 feet of new, two-lane road, including curb, gutter and sidewalk, municipal water and sewer main, and 2,000 feet of taxiway. This project is expected to create 412 jobs at above the county median wage. Their committed private partner is Solgen Power, LLC, who is investing \$5,000,000 in the project to expand renewable, solar power operations. CERB funds are matched by \$736,999 in local resources.

## **Prospective Development**

**Skamania County - The Port of Skamania County** was awarded a \$1,700,000 loan and a \$300,000 grant for the Cascades Business Park Building #1 project. This

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project will make infrastructures and build a 50,000 square foot building. This project is expected to create 91 jobs at above the county median wage. CERB funds are matched by \$5,000,000 in federal resources and \$716,962 in local resources.

**Planning**

**Jefferson County - The Port of Port Townsend** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Western Boat Yard Expansion Project. This project consists of preliminary site plan and layout of the proposed expansion, conceptual engineering design, environmental impact analysis, and permitting. CERB funds are matched by \$50,000 in

local resources.

**Okanogan County - The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation** were awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Colville Tribes Munitions Manufacturing Feasibility Study. This project consists of a strategic plan to locate a munitions manufacturing plant within or near Colville Indian Reservation. CERB funds are matched by \$16,667 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 2022 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.

<b>Totals Funds Available</b>	<b>\$14,234,977</b>
<b>Loans Funds Available</b>	<b>\$10,749,608</b>
<b>Grants Funds Available</b>	<b>\$3,485,369</b>
<i>Rural County Funds</i>	<i>\$8,834,359</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.

<b>Totals Funds Available</b>	<b>\$227,093</b>
<b>Grants Funds Available</b>	<b>\$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>
January 18, 2022	January 31, 2022	<b>March 17, 2022</b>
March 14, 2022	March 28, 2022	<b>May 19, 2022</b>