



# CERB PROJECT AWARDS - MARCH 17, 2022

Washington Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) receives \$65 million in state supplemental capital budget, and awards \$200,000 in planning grants in four counties.

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The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) was allocated \$40 million for economic development funding and \$25 million for community broadband funding in the 2022 supplemental capital budget. This historic levels of funding will be used to help rural communities and tribes build their economic future.

*"This year, CERB is celebrating 40 years of investing in Washington's economic future. CERB has a proven track record for being a good steward of public money and advocate for local communities. Targeted local investment in planning is essential to building a foundation for successful and sustainable economic growth. CERB's dedication to helping communities around Washington is vital to our state's economy."*  
- CERB Chair Randy Hayden.

The Board also approved \$200,000 in grants for economic

development feasibility studies in four counties. Projects awarded funding are located in Clallam, Pacific, Spokane, and Yakima counties and will spur business growth and job creation.

**Clallam County - The Port of Port Angeles** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the "Dry Dock and Infrastructure Feasibility Study." This project consists of a study to evaluate the purchase and installation of a floating dry dock by the Port for the lease and use by private marine trades companies in the maintenance and repair of boats and ships. CERB funds are matched by \$12,500 in local resources.

**Pacific County - The Port of Willapa Harbor** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the "Bendiksen Landing Planning Study." This project consists of a planning study to assess the redevelopment of the Bendiksen Landing site to include site upgrades, business

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recruitment, business development & marketing and the accommodation of visiting tourists. CERB funds are matched by \$12,500 in local resources.

**Spokane County** - The **City of Airway Heights** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the the “City of Airway Heights Comprehensive Broadband Infrastructure Planning study.” This project consists of a comprehensive study of the area’s current broadband infrastructure and future telecommunications needs. CERB funds are matched by \$12,500 in local resources.

**Yakima County** - The **Port of Grandview** was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the “Port of Grandview Broadband Feasibility Study.” This project consists of a study to identify solutions to bring broadband to the city of Grandview. CERB funds are matched by \$12,500 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 check out our [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>\$14,061,977</b>
<b>Loans Funds Available</b>	<b>\$10,776,608</b>
<b>Grants Funds Available</b>	<b>\$3,285,369</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>\$0</b>
<b>Grants Funds Available</b>	<b>\$0</b>

*\*Funding appropriated in the 2022 Supplemental Capital Budget, will be available in year 2 of the biennium.*

Applications are submitted via an online portal. Please contact staff to talk about your project and to get the link to the applications. Contact [Leslie Wolff](#), 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>
<b>March 14, 2022</b>	March 28, 2022	<b>May 19, 2022</b>
May 16, 2022	May 30, 2022	<b>July 15, 2022</b>

# 2022 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

*“The Board would like to say a special thank you to the House and Senate Capital Budget Committees for appropriating additional funding for CERB in the [2022 supplemental capital budget](#). The additional **\$65 million** for the second year of the 2021-23 biennium will enable CERB to respond quickly to the urgent needs of our rural communities and tribes for economic recovery and broadband rollout.” - CERB Chair Randy Hayden.*



## CERB IS TURNING 40!

CERB is celebrating so many things in 2022!

CERB was created by the Legislator per request of Governor Spellman, SSHB906, April 1982.

2022 Supplemental Session:

- CERB has been appropriated a historical funding amount.
- Core CERB - \$40M (state)
- Rural Broadband - \$25M (federal)

This combined with year 1 funding equals \$115M for CERB in the 2021-23 biennium.

We would like to thank Legislative leadership for their continued support!

Also, thank you to all of our communities, we wouldn't be here without you!

Stay tuned for ways CERB will be celebrating 40 Years!

If you would like to share your CERB story, please contact Barbara Smith, Program Assistant, at [barbara.smith@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:barbara.smith@commerce.wa.gov)!