CERB Project Awards - May 19, 2022

Washington Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) awards $200,000 in planning grants in three counties.

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“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 approved $200,000 in grants for economic development feasibility studies in three counties. Projects awarded funding are located in Clark, Spokane, and Whitman counties and will spur business growth and job creation.

Clark County - The Port of Camas-Washougal was awarded a $50,000 grant for the “Southeast 41st Street Broadband Planning Project.” This project consists of a study to identify solutions to bring broadband to rural constituents and identify ways to improve broadband for the entire port district. CERB funds are matched by $12,500 in local resources.

Clark County - The Port of Ridgefield was awarded a $50,000 grant for the “Port of Ridgefield and Port of Woodland La Center to Yale Broadband Feasibility Study.” This project consists of a study to assess the feasibility of connecting broadband conduit from La Center to Yale, connecting the Port of Ridgefield’s La Center line to the Port of Woodland’s Lewis River Road line. CERB funds are matched by $12,500 in local resources.

Spokane County - Spokane County was awarded a $50,000 grant for the “Spokane County West Plains and South County Site Survey.”

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RCW 43.160
This project consists of a study to identify ways to bring broadband to the West Plains and South County areas, excluding the City of Airway Heights. CERB funds are matched by $12,500 in local resources.

**Whitman County - The Port of Whitman County** was awarded a $50,000 grant for the “Biological Systems and Mechanical and Materials Engineering Tech Transfer Building Study.” This project consists of a study to assess the building of a facility for commercialization that integrates privatization of intellectual property out of Washington State University to create jobs in Whitman County and Washington State. 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](#).

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### 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.

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**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.

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

**Expenditure of the amount in this subsection is contingent on the receipt of this grant funding. If the department does not receive the grant funding by June 30, 2023, the expenditure authority in this section shall lapse.

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)

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CERB is turning 40!

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!