



CERB PROJECT AWARDS - JULY 21, 2022

Washington Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) invests \$761,600 in loans and grants in three counties.

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“CERB projects represent an important partnership between the state and local communities resulting in enhanced economic vitality. The projects approved for funding represent the economic, cultural, and geographic diversity of our state. The board is pleased to collaborate with each of these communities to support planning efforts and create permanent private sector job opportunities.” said CERB Chair Randy Hayden.

The Board approved \$595,000 in low interest loans and \$166,600 in grants for economic development and public infrastructure improvements in three counties.. Projects awarded funding are located in Grant, Grays Harbor, and Yakima counties and will spur broadband deployment, business growth and job creation.

Grant County - The City of Electric City was awarded an \$11,600 grant for the “Electric City Growth Water Supply.” This

project consists of a study to explore the existing water rights, regulatory agency requirements, and local hydrology to provide recommendations for supplying water to future developments south of Osborne Bay. CERB funds are matched by \$2,900 in local resources.

Grays Harbor County - The Public Utility District #1 of Grays Harbor County, WA was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the “Grays Harbor River Valleys Broadband Feasibility Study.” This project consists of a broadband feasibility study for the Satsop, Wynoochee, and Wishkah river valleys. CERB funds are matched by \$12,500 in local resources.

Yakima County - The Port of Sunnyside was awarded a \$595,000 loan and a \$105,000 grant for the “Varietal Beer Company Expansion Project.”

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This project consists of remodel of a storage building adjacent to the primary brewery facility, and upgrades to the current facility, including providing a conditioned storage addition, and providing a covered dining/performance area. 12 FTE are estimated to be created and 8 FTE retained by this project. CERB funding leveraged \$325,000 in private investment by the Committed Private Partner, Varietal Beer Company. CERB funds are matched by \$140,000 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 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.

Totals Funds Available	\$54,156,818
Loans Funds Available	\$40,931,608
Grants Funds Available	\$13,225,210
<i>Rural County Funds</i>	<i>\$38,956,200</i>
<i>Urban County Funds</i>	<i>\$15,200,618</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**	\$25,000,000
Grants Funds Available	\$25,000,000

**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

Tier 1 Application Deadline (Tier 1 Committed Private Partner, Prospective Development, & Rural Broadband Programs)	Tier 2 Application Deadline (Tier 2 Committed Private Partner, Prospective Development, & Planning Programs)	Board Meeting
July 18, 2022	August 1, 2022	September 15, 2022
September 12, 2022	September 26, 2022	November 17, 2022