

Washington State WorkSource Information Notice (WIN)

WIN Number: WIN 0154

WIN Title: Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) July 2025 Investments

Date: August 26, 2025

Expiration: N/A

Purpose:

To communicate the Community Economic Revitalization Board's (CERB) efforts to respond to local economic development in Washington communities.

Action Required:

Local Workforce Development Boards and their contractors and Employment Security Department Regional Directors must distribute this guidance broadly throughout the system to ensure that WorkSource System staff are familiar with its content and requirements.

LWDB and WorkSource system partners should connect with CERB project recipients to collaborate with business regarding local training needs and to ensure WorkSource is used to fulfill business hiring needs.

Additionally, if LWDB or WorkSource system partners learn of local government, port, or private business development need for potential CERB investments, please connect them with CERB staff at 360-252-0812 or 360-764-9820.

Content:

The Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) was formed in 1982 under [RCW 43.160.900](#) to promote local economic development in Washington communities. CERB provides funding to local governments and federally recognized tribes for public infrastructure that supports private business growth and expansion. Eligible projects include domestic and industrial water, storm water, wastewater, public buildings, telecommunications and port facilities. CERB evaluates and approves project funding through the following:

- CERB Committed Private Partner Program (CPP)
- CERB Planning Program (PP)
- CERB Prospective Development Program (PD)
- CERB Rural Broadband (RB)

CERB's bylaws and grant and loan application processes direct businesses creating new jobs on public properties whose infrastructure was improved with CERB funds to use WorkSource for their hiring needs.

Note: Learn more at the [CERB Website](#) or [CERB 101 Presentation](#)

July 2025 Workforce Decisions:

Columbia County - \$2,018,192 Capital Project Fund broadband grant to the Port of Columbia for the “Starbuck and E911 Broadband project for the engineering and construction of dark fiber infrastructure and a tower south of Dayton. This project will provide high speed internet access to 155 connections and is matched by \$504,548 in private resources.

Walla Walla County – \$100,000 in a site readiness grant for the Port of Walla Walla Utility and Access Coordination project to evaluate and design utility extensions for three industrial and business park properties and is matched by \$95,000 in local resources.

Whitman County - \$75,000 grant to the Port of Whitman County for the Colfax Raw Land Planning Study to determine best use of 8.5 acres of newly acquired industrial land and is matched by \$18,750 in local resources.

NOTE: See attached CERB newsletter for more information.

References:

- [CERB July 2025 Newsletter](#)
- [RCW 43.160.900](#)

Website:

[Workforce Professionals Center](#)

Direct Inquiries To:

*Employment System Administration and Policy
Employment System Policy and Integrity Division
Employment Security Department
P.O. Box 9046
Olympia, WA 98507-9046
SystemPolicy@esd.wa.gov*

Attachments:

None