

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-227

APPROVE \$400,000 .09 ("DISTRESSED
COUNTIES") GRANT TO PE ELL FOR ITS
"IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS TO WATER INTAKE"
PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) wishes to approve funding in the amount of \$400,000 for the Town of Pe Ell's "Improvement of Access to Water Intake" project, a project that serves future demand and meets the definition of a "public facility" under RCW 82.14.370; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is a list of projects maintained by the Lewis County Economic Alliance as per RCW 82.14.370; and

WHEREAS, via prior resolutions and this resolution, the BOCC adopts the CEDS as Lewis County's officially adopted county overall economic development plan for the purposes of RCW 82.14.370; and

WHEREAS, Pe Ell's application for funding of the "Improvement of Access to Water Intake" project has been recommended for approval and listing in the CEDS by the Distressed Counties/Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee, the committee created to recommend projects for listing in the CEDS; and

WHEREAS, the Distressed Counties/Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee recommends approving a grant in the amount of \$400,000, which exceeds the amount the town originally requested, to ensure the project is fully funded; and

WHEREAS, Pe Ell's application is supported by the attached Grant Agreement prepared by Economic Alliance pursuant to the CEDS, and the agreement is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Lewis County that the funds requested by CEDS be authorized in order to allow completion of the "Improvement of Access to Water Intake" project, a project that supports economic development in Lewis County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BOCC (1) approves the "Improvement of Access to Water Intake" project as a public facility for purposes of RCW 82.14.370 and amends the CEDS list to include that project in the county's overall economic development plan; and (2) authorizes Lewis County to enter into the attached Grant Agreement with the Town of Pe Ell for the "Improvement of Access to Water Intake" project in the amount of \$400,000 using monies from the "Distressed Counties Fund," all in accordance with RCW 82.14.370 and applicable law.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 26th day of July, 2022.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Robert Bradley
By: Robert Bradley,
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM
Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Chair

ATTEST:



Absent
Sean D. Swope, Vice Chair

Rieva Lester
Rieva Lester,
Clerk of the Lewis County Board of
County Commissioners

F. Lee Grose
F. Lee Grose, Commissioner