APPLICATION CRITERIA

Purpose

Counties must consult cities, towns, port districts, and associate development organizations in order to disburse funds. As per RCW 82.14.370, the funds may only be used to:

- Finance "public facilities" that facilitate the creation or the retention of business and jobs.
- Finance personnel in the office of a county, port district, or associate development organization that facilitate the creation or the retention of business and jobs.

Examples of Allowable Uses

As per RCW 82.14.370, the public facility must be listed under the county economic development plan or the capital facilities plan. Examples of allowable uses are included below:

- Bridges, roads, railroads, and transportation infrastructure.
- Domestic and industrial water facilities, sanitary sewer facilities, and storm sewer facilities.
- Research, testing, training, and incubation facilities in innovation partnership zones (RCW 43.330.270).
- Electrical facilities, natural gas facilities, telecommunications infrastructure, and earth stabilization.
- Commercial infrastructure, port facilities, buildings, and structures.

Attorney General's Office

As per the 2001 opinion of the Washington State Attorney General's Office, the following are uses as defined in the statute:

- Capital facilities costs, including acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, alteration, expansion, or improvements of public facilities;
- Costs of development and improvement for the public facilities;
- Project-specific environmental costs;
- Land use and permitting costs;
- Costs of site planning and analysis;
- Project design, including feasibility and marketing studies and plans, and debt and revenue impact analysis.

Contact Information

Applicant:	Economic Alliance of Lewis County	Project Title:	Economic Alliance operations and implementations of economic development.
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Loan Request Amount		Grant Request Amount	$175,000 Annually for two years For a total of $350,000
By signing you confirm you have authority to submit this application for .09 funds on behalf of your organization. I affirm that the information is correct to my knowledge.			
Signature:		Signatory's Position:	Program Manager

Submission Requirements:

- All applications must be completed, signed, and submitted either electronically or in person by 5 p.m. on the deadline date. Please submit to the Economic Alliance of Lewis County office or email to todd@lewiscountyalliance.org

- The applicant must send a representative to the .09 committee meeting. The representative must be prepared to present to the committee. Please provide any additional resources prior to the meeting.

- .09 meeting schedule and submission deadlines can be found on the Alliance website at www.lewiscountyalliance.org

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- Finance public facilities that facilitate the creation or the retention of business and jobs.
- Finance personnel in the office of a county, port district, or associate development organizations that facilitate the creation or the retention of business and jobs.

Which Public Facility Is Your Project?

The public facility must be specifically listed under RCW 82.14.370 and listed under the county economic development plan (or capital facilities plan). Please select the criteria which correspond to your project.

☑ Economic Development Office	☐ Economic Development Purposes	☐ Qualifying Provider	☐ Affordable Workforce Housing Infrastructure or Facilities	☐ Public Facilities
☐ Bridges	☐ Domestic water facilities	☐ Research facilities	☐ Electrical facilities	☐ Earth stabilization
☐ Roads	☐ Industrial water facilities	☐ Testing facilities	☐ Natural gas facilities	☐ Buildings
☐ Railroads	☐ Sanitary sewer facilities	☐ Training facilities	☐ Telecommunications infrastructure	☐ Structures
☐ Transportation infrastructure	☐ Storm sewer facilities	☐ Incubation facilities	☐ Commercial infrastructure	☐ Port facilities

How Can The Money Be Used For Your Public Facility Project?

The Washington State Attorney General 2001 No.5 opinion states that the funds for this statute may only be used in the following ways. Please select the criteria which correspond to your project.

☐ Project-specific environmental costs	☐ Costs of site planning & analysis	☐ Land use & permitting costs
☐ Capital facilities costs, including acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, alteration, expansion, or improvements of public facilities	☐ Project design, including feasibility and marketing studies and plans, and debt and revenue impact analysis	☐ Costs of development & improvement for the public facilities

YOUR PROJECT

What is your "Public Facilities" project?

Please provide a brief description of your project in the space below.

The Economic Alliance operates a county-wide economic development program. This program focuses on the improved economic vitality of the county.

The Economic Alliance works to achieve the goals outlined in the attached Marketing Plan through increasing the number of jobs available to the community and improving the quality of life. To succeed in this, the Alliance works to meet our mission by working with and recruiting industrial and primary employers that produce goods and/or services to expand and locate to our community.

Through county-wide partnerships, the alliance assists in leveraging resources to attract new business and industry.

How Will This Project Create Or Retain Business Or Jobs?

"Jobs" are defined by the .09 advisory committee as employment that produces products and services and exports products and services outside of Lewis County, resulting in new money coming into the community. This traditionally includes manufacturing, logistics, and other production facilities. This typically excludes retail and service sectors and other tertiary jobs producers.

The Economic Alliance of Lewis County has a robust marketing program which helps attract new business and industry to Lewis County. The organization maintains a website with properties, demographics, and incentive information. The Alliance contracts with a consultant, "Site Location Partnership", for lead generation at industry trade shows. The organization's network of site selection professionals and the "Washington State Department of Commerce" generate additional leads. The Alliance will continue to maintain these efforts.

Business Retention & Expansion (BRE) is a critical part of the work to retain the primary employers (e.g. manufacturers) in our community. Business retention's purpose is to identify the needs that business have and to meet those needs. This includes: infrastructure, workforce training, and real-estate.

The Economic Alliance of Lewis County has redeveloped its branding and image to attract new business, new sectors, and expansion clients nationwide. With the revision and implementation of the organizations website, potential clients are made aware of and have an increased interest in Lewis County. The Alliance works with its new and growing partnerships to provide expansive site selection visits for interested economic development entities and an increased list of incentive opportunities of relocation through the engagement of a diverse and established staff and board of directors.

Category	Created (1 yr.) - Name/Number	Retained (1 yr.) - Name/Number
Businesses		
Direct full time jobs, Direct part time jobs, indirect jobs		

What Will Be The Cost Of The Project?

The Board of County Commissioners may disburse funds as both grants and loans. Grant funding requests that do not exceed $250,000 require only this short application and project line item budget. Possible grant/loan requests up to $1,000,000 will be considered if it is deemed an extraordinary circumstance by the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners. The County will negotiate the terms of each award. This may include interest rates or disbursement schedules. All requests over $250,000 must include this application plus a business plan, line item budget, listed partners, and other funding sources.

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Total Project Cost:		**Requested Amount:**	
☐ Loan	**Amount:**	☑ Grant (Limit $250,000)	**Amount:**

What Is The Timeline To Completion?

Articulate the projected timeline of for this project as well as its completion date.

Description:

Quarterly updates regarding funds received, project status, and project completion percentage must be submitted to the .09 committee in a timely manner.

COMMITTEE EVALUATION

Committee Use Only -- Do Not Fill Out

Economic Benefits

The following are metrics that provide an aid in determining which projects may receive funding:

Questions	Metric
Does the proposed project create jobs? How many?	
Does the proposed project retain jobs? How many?	
What is the cost per job created/retained? (divide dollars requested by jobs created and/or retained)	
What is the total number of full time jobs created/retained?	
What is the total number of part time jobs created/retained?	
How many businesses will directly benefit from this project?	

Readiness to Proceed

The following are metrics that we have identified as an aid in determining projects may receive funding:

Questions	Metric
Is this project a "Public Facility" that has an economic development purpose?	Y/N
Have entitlements been obtained and required permits issued/in process?	None/Some/All
Does this project have a clear timeline and scope of work?	Y/N
If this request is approved, what is the amount of match funding that is secured?	
What is the probability of completion from 1-10 (10 indicates a high probability)?	