

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

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Loan Request Amount		Grant Request Amount	484,615.00
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:	

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

QUALIFICATIONS

Does Your Project Qualify?

Per RCW 82.14.370, the .09 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 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.

Description:

The City of Chehalis is proposing a public facilities project to replace and upgrade a deteriorating segment of its water distribution system along South Market Boulevard, extending from SW 11th Street to SW 21st Street. The existing 8-inch cast iron water main, originally installed in the 1950s, is undersized and no longer meets projected system demands.

The water transmission line configuration creates a significant hydraulic constraint within the system. Beginning at SW 11th Street, the main transitions from 14-inch to 10-inch, then reduces to 8-inch at SW 16th Street, continues south to SW 21st Street, and then increases back to 14-inch. This reduction in diameter creates a “pinch point” that restricts water delivery capacity to the southern Urban Growth Area (UGA).

As development continues and Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) increase, available system capacity in the southern UGA is projected to be fully allocated within the next 5 to 10 years. Without system improvements, this constraint will limit future growth and reduce overall system reliability.

The proposed project will replace approximately 5,000 linear feet of existing water main with 16-inch ductile iron pipe to eliminate the hydraulic bottleneck, improve system capacity, enhance fire flow, and increase long-term reliability. The

City has retained a qualified consulting engineer to conduct field investigations to verify the existing main location and confirm the extent of necessary replacement. The consultant will prepare construction-level engineering plans and specifications, develop a detailed cost estimate, and identify all required local, state, and federal permits in accordance with City of Chehalis Public Works Standards and municipal codes.

Completion of preliminary engineering will position the City to competitively pursue state and federal construction funding and ensure the project is ready for implementation.

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.

Description:

The South Market Boulevard water main replacement project will directly support the retention and potential growth of primary job-producing industries—such as manufacturing, logistics, and other production facilities—within the southern Urban Growth Area (UGA).

Key Economic and Employment Benefits:

1. Infrastructure to Support Job-Producing Industries:

The existing 8” cast iron water main, built in the 1950s. Currently it meets water demands and fireflow. By replacing it with 16-inch ductile iron pipe, this project ensures reliable utility services essential for industrial and commercial operations, particularly in the southern UGA, where future business expansion is anticipated.

2. Retention of Existing Employers:

Inadequate fire protection can deter compliance with safety regulations and increase insurance costs, potentially leading businesses to relocate. By modernizing this critical infrastructure, the project helps ensure that current primary-sector employers remain operational and competitive within Lewis County.

3. Attraction of New Primary Jobs:

Improved utility infrastructure increases the marketability of the southern UGA for new industrial development. Companies that produce goods or services for export outside the county are more likely to consider sites with dependable municipal services, including adequate water supply and fire protection. This positions the area for economic growth aligned with the committee’s definition of job creation.

4. Short-Term Employment During Construction:

While temporary, the project will also generate local engineering and construction jobs during the design and build phases. These workers often reside in and spend within the community, creating indirect economic benefits even if not classified as primary-sector employment.

5. Leverage for Additional Funding and Investment:

By completing the engineering and permitting, the City will be better positioned to secure state and federal construction funding. This increases the likelihood of full project execution and supports broader economic development goals.

Category	Created (1 yr.) - Name/Number	Retained (1 yr.) - Name/Number
Businesses	Mae Inc (Amazon)	
Direct full time jobs, Direct part time jobs, indirect jobs	1000+	

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.

Total Project Cost:		Requested Amount:	
☐ Loan	Amount:	☒ Grant (Limit \$250,000)	Amount: 484,615.00

What Is The Timeline To Completion?

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

Description:

Gibbs and Olsen has been selected as the engineering firm for this project. At present, the project is on hold due to lack of funding. However, the City considers this an urgent priority and continues to actively seek funding opportunities to move it forward. The project remains on the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Once funding is secured, the City will be able to establish a definitive project schedule and projected completion date.

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

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COMMITTEE EVALUATION

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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?	Yes 
Have entitlements been obtained and required permits issued/in process?	Some 
Does this project have a clear timeline and scope of work?	Yes 
If this request is approved, what is the amount of match funding that is secured?	Yes
What is the probability of completion from 1-10 (10 indicates a high probability)?	10