

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

Public Facilities Definition

As per RCW 82.14.370 the public facility must be listed under the county economic development plan or the capital facilities plan and examples are included below:

- bridges, roads, railroads, and transportation infrastructure
- domestic & 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, earth stabilization
- commercial infrastructure, port facilities, buildings, 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:	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District	Project Title: Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project.	
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Loan Request Amount	0	Grant Request Amount	\$750,000.00

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:	District Administrator
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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.

☐ 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 & plans, and debt & 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 Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (Applicant) is proposing to construct a flood retention facility near the town of Pe Ell and airport levee improvements at the Chehalis-Centralia Airport, in Lewis County, Washington. The proposed project would reduce flooding originating in the Willapa Hills and improve levee integrity at the Chehalis-Centralia Airport to reduce flood damage in the Chehalis-Centralia area. A project Purpose and Need statement and a Project Description are attached.

The work proposed to be funded by the .09 funds includes advancing engineering for continued development of the project and to support questions from the resource agencies. The design services are intended to further refine the proposed action for the environmental and biological assessment and subsequent permitting applications. Typically a 30% design level is needed for permitting.

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 that results in new money coming into the community. This is traditionally manufacturing, logistics, and other production facilities. This typically excludes retail and service sectors and other tertiary jobs producers.

Description: Although there is currently no specific prediction of job creation that will result from the project, creating areas within the community that no longer flood will provide for a stable platform for business creation and economic growth. The economic benefits quantified, assuming climate trends continue, so far include damage costs that are highly detrimental to business creation and retention. A recent summary on the economic impact of flooding on families and communities prepared by the Lewis Economic Development Council shows that the Chehalis Basin will suffer \$300+M (per 100-year flood) in damages if no project were to occur. Without major relief of flooding issues, the heart of the urban economic generator for Lewis County will continue to languish. This project is estimated to reduce these damages by 72% giving the community a chance to grow, create jobs, and ultimately retain them long term. Additionally, Lewis County’s reputation as being prone to flooding causes businesses to hesitate to locate here. Currently when “Lewis County” is Googled, “flooding” is a top result, which would hopefully change after the Project is built.

Category	Created (1 yr.) - Name/Number	Retained (1 yr.) - Name/Number
Businesses		

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Direct full time jobs, Direct part time jobs, indirect jobs		

What Will Be The Cost Of The Project?

The County Commission may disburse funds as both grants and loans. No funding will exceed \$600,000 unless it is deemed an extraordinary circumstance by the County Commission. The County negotiates the terms of each award. This may include interest rates or disbursement schedule.

Total Project Cost:		Requested Amount:	
☐ Loan	Amount:	☒ Grant	Amount: \$750,000*

* It should be noted that the amount requested is not the total project cost. About \$1.2M has been allocated by the state of Washington to progress the project. The source of funding for future costs has not been determined, but is expected to include State and possibly Federal contributions.

What Is The Timeline To Completion?

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

Description:

The project is expected to be complete and operational sometime this decade.

The specific tasks that this grant is proposed to fund would be complete within 2 years of the receipt of funding. A detailed project schedule for the engineering design work will be developed upon commencement of the task.

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

Questions	Metric
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)?	