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Introduction

Partners for Rural Washington works with rural communities to develop their capacity to create a prosperous and sustainable future.

This Rural Resources Directory is intended as a go-to resource for rural communities and residents. It began in 2015 with visioning by Mario Villanueva and Paul Johnson, who were instrumental in establishing Partners for Rural Washington (PRWA), and Rayna Sage, PhD. Between Summer 2015 and Fall 2016, Rayna, joined by Monica Babine of Washington State University (WSU) Extension, guided the development of the draft “resource guide” with the help of research assistants Shannon Tattershall and Mackenzie Selleg. This collaboration produced a draft 140-page directory, listing 288 programs of 112 federal, state and nonprofit agencies.

In 2017, the PRWA Board of Directors decided to complete the directory in an easy-to-use format, and issue it both as a printed resource and on the PRWA website. The Board contracted with Cedar River Group, a Seattle-based public policy consulting firm, to complete the work. Mario Villanueva oversaw this effort.

A Note to Users

The information in this directory is up-to-date as of August 2017. However, many programs and grant opportunities change each year with changes in budgets and elected bodies. PRWA is interested in learning of any entries or information in this directory that you find are no longer available or is out-of-date. PRWA intends to make updates periodically. Please email any updates to Kim Herman, kim.herman@wshfc.org, or use the form at the back of this directory. Thank you for your help!

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AGRICULTURE



Available Statewide

Beginning Farmer/Rancher Loan Program

Quick summary: Low-interest loans to help new farmers/ranchers get started with agricultural land, equipment, buildings or animal stock

Keywords: Agriculture loans, Small business & entrepreneurs loans

Agency/Organization: Washington State Housing Finance Commission (WSHFC) and Northwest Farm Credit Services

Contact: Dan Schilling, Senior Development Analyst, 206-287-4415, dan.schilling@wshfc.org, or David Clifton, Assistant Director, 206-287-4407, david.clifton@wshfc.org, or 1-800-767-4663 (HOME), 1000 Second Avenue, Suite 2700, Seattle, WA 98104-3601

Website URL: <http://wshfc.org/farmranch/index.htm>

Purpose: In partnership with Northwest Farm Credit Services, provide low-interest loans to help new farmers get started with agricultural land, equipment, buildings or animal stock.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Person who has never owned and operated a farm or ranch before or who has owned/operated one that was less than 30 percent of the county's median farm size. The beginning farmer(s)/rancher(s) and/or their children must directly manage and perform the labor for the family operation. (Off-farm income is permitted.) The agricultural land, improvements and farm property acquired must be used for farming purposes during the term of the bond.

Application process: Download application on above website.

Availability of funds: Loans up to \$524,200; up to \$250,000 for depreciable farm property; up to \$62,500 for used equipment/personal property. For projects above these limits, WSHFC financing may be combined with other loans or grants.

How funds are to be used: Purchase agricultural land; create or renovate needed buildings; make agricultural improvements; purchase machinery, equipment and animal stock. Cannot be used for a residential home.

Resource: State



Farm Aid Grants to Nonprofit Organizations

Quick summary: Grants to nonprofits to strengthen family farm agriculture

Keywords: Agriculture grants, Economic development grants

Agency/Organization: Farm Aid

Contact: Farm Aid, Attn: Grant Program, 501 Cambridge Street, Third Floor, Cambridge, MA, 02141

Website URL: <https://www.farmaid.org/our-work/grant-guidelines/>

Purpose: Strengthen family farm agriculture in the United States.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: Tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in the United States that support family farm agriculture.

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Application process: Annual application process using the proposal template on the website. Applications accepted via post office mail only to the above address.

Availability of funds: Grants generally \$5,000 to \$10,000.

How funds are to be used: Three program areas: growing the “good food” movement; helping farmers thrive and use sustainable practices; promoting fair farm policies on the local, regional or national level. Priorities include: beginning farmers; key issues (climate change, access to land and capital, reform of contract livestock and poultry system; dismantling of corporate control); priority regions (none in Pacific Northwest); and racial diversity and equity in the farmer population.

Resource: National



Farmland Preservation Grants

Quick summary: Grants to buy development rights on farmlands to maintain them for farming and restore ecological functions

Keywords: Agriculture grants, Natural resources/environment grants

Agency/Organization: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)

Contact: [Kim Sellers](mailto:kim.sellers@rco.wa.gov), Farmland Grants Manager, (360) 902-3082, kim.sellers@rco.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/farmland.shtml>

Purpose: Provide funding to cities, counties, and others to buy development rights on farmlands to ensure the lands remain available for farming in the future, and help restore ecological functions that will enhance the viability of the preserved farmland.

Type of organization: State

Who is eligible: Cities, counties, nonprofit nature conservancy corporations/associations, State Conservation Commission

Application process: Applications accepted in even years. See form online.

Availability of funds: Total of \$6 million biennially. A 50 percent match is required, except for the State Conservation Commission.

How funds are to be used: Land acquisition through easements and leases (required for all projects); enhancement or restoration; combination of land acquisition and restoration or enhancement; farm stewardship plans.

Resource: State



Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Quick summary: Grants for certain food, horticulture and nursery crops.

Keywords: Agriculture grant, Economic development

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) through Washington State Department of Agriculture

Contact: Leisa Schumaker, Acting Grant Administrator, lschumaker@agr.wa.gov, (360) 902-2091

Website URL: <https://agr.wa.gov/Grants/SCBGP/>

Purpose: To enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops, defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops.

Type of organization: Government

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Who is eligible: See website.

Application process: Annual competitive application process to award grant funds. Applications on website.

How funds are to be used: Under the federal Farm Bill, WSDA receives grant funding from USDA to enhance the competitiveness of Washington's specialty crops. Eligible plants must be intensively cultivated and used by people for food, medicinal purposes, and/or aesthetic gratification to be considered specialty crops. The 2017 awards totaled approximately \$4.3 million.

Resource: National and State



Value-Added Producer Grants

Quick summary: Help agricultural producers develop and market value-added products

Keywords: Agriculture grants, Economic development grants,

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: In Eastern WA, contact Roni Baer, (509) 454-5740 ext 134, veronica.baer@wa.usda.gov in Western W, contact Greg York, (360) 704-7729, gregory.york@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/value-added-producer-grants>

Purpose: Help agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of bio-based, value-added products. Includes generating new products, creating and expanding marketing opportunities, and increasing producer income.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer- or rancher-cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures

Application process: Applications requested annually in a national competition published in the [Federal Register](#) and posted on [Grants.gov](#).

Availability of funds: Program Funding total of \$44 million with a maximum grant amount of \$75,000 for planning grants and \$250,000 for working capital grants. There is a matching Funds Requirements: 50% of total project costs

How funds are to be used: Planning activities (such as conducting feasibility studies and developing business plans) or working capital expenses related to producing and marketing a value-added agricultural product.

Resource: National



Washington State University Extension

Quick summary: Educational programs and research to improve agriculture, communities and quality of life

Keywords: Agriculture, Economic development, Education, Food & nutrition, Natural resources/environment, Research, Training, Tribal programs, Youth

Agency/Organization: Washington State University (WSU)

Contact: WSU Extension, Hulbert 421, PO Box 646242, Pullman WA 99164-6242, cahnrs.deans@wsu.edu, 509-335-4561

Website URL: <http://extension.wsu.edu>

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Purpose: Build the capacity of individuals, organizations, businesses and communities, empowering them to find solutions for local issues and to improve their quality of life; collaborate with communities to create a culture of life-long learning; provide accessible, high-quality and unbiased educational programs. Program areas: 4-H; agricultural production; communities and economic development; family and home; food and nutrition; gardening; and natural resources.

Locations: *County Extension:* Every county, see <http://extension.wsu.edu/locations>. *Research & Extension Centers:* Mount Vernon Northwestern Research and Extension Center; Prosser Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center; Puyallup Research and Extension Center; Wenatchee Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center. *Additional Locations:* Agricultural Weather Network (AWN); Center for Environmental Research, Education, and Outreach (CEREO); Center for Sustaining Ag and Natural Resources (CSANR); Clean Plant Network; Composite Materials and Engineering Center; Division of Governmental Studies and Services (DGSS); Energy Program Food and Environmental Quality Lab; IMPACT Center in the School of Economic Sciences; International Research and Agricultural Development; Metropolitan Center for Applied Research and Extension; Water Research Center; William D. Ruckelshaus Center; Wine Science Center; Colville Reservation Extension Office.

Type of organization: Government and higher education

Who is eligible: Any Washington resident.

Resource: State



Available in Certain Regions

Northwest Agriculture Business Center

Keywords: Agriculture, Co-ops, Economic development, Technical assistance, Value-added producer

Quick summary: Provides business resources and guidance to agriculture businesses on value-added or innovative agricultural products or services

Agency/Organization: Northwest Agriculture Business Center

Contact: 419 South 1st Street, Suite 200, P.O. Box 2924, Mount Vernon, WA 98273-2924, (360) 336-3727, Toll free: (888) 707-2021, info@AgBizCenter.org

Website URL: <http://agbizcenter.org/blog/2012/02/northwest-agriculture-business-center-receives-usda-funding-for-regional-food-system-development/>

Purpose: Provides northwest Washington farmers with the skills and the resources required to profitably and efficiently supply their products to consumers, retailers, wholesalers, foodservice operators and food manufacturers.

Who is eligible: Independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures.

Availability of funds: Support and matching funds for NABC programs come from the Washington State Department of Commerce, as well as agricultural industry supporters, our communities who share our mission and values.

Types of assistance: Classes, workshops and equipment use; business development resources for agricultural producers, including business plans, value-added agricultural products, marketing/sales assistance; technical assistance for formation of producer cooperatives.

Geo areas served: Island, King, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom counties

Resource: Regional



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT,
TRAINING**

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

LAST NAME

STREET ADDRESS

POSITION DESIRED?

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR EMPLOYMENT?

YES NO -- IF YES...

MONTH & YEAR:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING

Available Statewide

Association of Washington Cities

Quick summary: Represents cities and towns in the legislature and regulatory agencies, and offers training and a group insurance pooling program

Keywords: Economic development, Research

Agency/Organization: Association of Washington Cities

Contact: 1076 Franklin St. SE, Olympia, WA 98501, 360-753-4137

Website URL: <https://www.awcnet.org/AboutUs.aspx>

Purpose: Represent Washington's cities and towns before the state legislature, executive branch and regulatory agencies; and offer training and an insurance pooling program for member cities.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: Cities and towns in Washington state. Other public agencies, businesses and nonprofits can become associate members.

Types of assistance: Advocacy tools; trainings for leaders and staff; and research and publications to help city leaders make fact-based decisions, identify trends, and explore new ways to approach city issues. Member pooling programs include the Employee Benefit Trust, Risk Management Service Agency, Workers' Compensation Retrospective Rating Program, and Drug & Alcohol Consortium.

Resource: State



Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program

Quick summary: Loan guarantee for development of biorefineries and bio-based manufacturing

Keywords: Economic development loan, Energy efficiency, Innovation, Renewable & solar energy, Technology, Tribal loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: USDA, Attention: Technology Branch, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 3225, Washington, DC 20250-3225 Todd Hubbell, (202) 720-0410, Todd.Hubbell@wdc.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/biorefinery-renewable-chemical-and-biobased-product-manufacturing-assistance>

Purpose: Assist in the development, construction, and retrofitting of new and emerging technologies for the development of Advanced Biofuels, Renewable Chemicals, and Biobased Product Manufacturing by providing loan guarantees for up to \$250 million.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Lenders with legal authority, sufficient experience and expertise, and who can demonstrate they meet the FDIC definition of "Well Capitalized" at the time of application and issuance of Loan Note Guarantee, including: federal or state chartered bank; federally recognized tribes; cooperatives; Farm Credit Bank or other Farm Credit System institution with direct lending authority; credit unions subject to credit examination and supervision by a state agency or the National Credit Union Administration; National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

Application process: Letters of Intent must be received by September 1 and March 1 of each year. Complete Phase 1 applications must be received by October 1 and April 1 of each year. A complete Phase 1 application must be received by the Agency on or before April 1 to be considered for funding for that fiscal year.

Availability of funds: Up to \$250 million

How funds are to be used: To fund the development, construction and retrofitting of: Commercial-Scale Biorefineries using Eligible Technology, Biobased Product Manufacturing facilities that use Technologically New Commercial-Scale processing and manufacturing equipment to convert Renewable Chemicals and other biobased outputs of Biorefineries into end-user products on a commercial scale. Refinancing, in certain circumstances, may be eligible.

Resource: National



Bond Cap Allocation Program

Quick summary: Low-cost loans for housing, infrastructure facilities, manufacturing and student loans

Keywords: Economic development loans, Education loans, Housing loans, Infrastructure loans

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Allan Johnson, Bond Cap Program Manager, allan.johnson@commerce.wa.gov 360-725-5033

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/about-us/research-services/bond-cap-allocation-program/>

Purpose: Provide financing options for projects that significantly benefit the people of Washington. “Bond Cap allocation” is the total amount of borrowing that qualifying types of private projects is allowed to do each year at less expensive tax-exempt rates under federal law. The lenders (bond purchasers) for these projects are private investors.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Three types of projects: low-income housing; exempt facilities (solid waste, electricity, water, recycling); small issue manufacturing; student loans.

Application process: See application forms online.

Resource: State



Center for Rural Entrepreneurship

Quick summary: Online tools for building entrepreneur-focused development and community foundations in rural communities

Keywords: Economic development, Philanthropy, Small business & entrepreneurs

Agency/Organization: Center for Rural Entrepreneurship

Contact: 770 North Cotner Blvd., Suite 400, Lincoln, Nebraska 68505, (402) 323-7336, dana@e2mail.org

Website URL: <https://www.energizingentrepreneurs.org/>

Purpose: Help rural community leaders build a prosperous future by supporting and empowering business, social and civic entrepreneurs, and creating a community foundation.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Application process: Online tools help communities identify opportunities to build an entrepreneurial environment, understand generational diversity, build community-based philanthropy and design a road map for entrepreneur-focused development.

Resource: National



Choose Washington – Workforce and Training

Quick summary: Business training and workforce development

Keywords: Economic development, Small business & entrepreneurs, Training

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Office of Economic Development & Competitiveness, (206) 256-6100, moreinfo@choosewashington.com

Website URL: <http://choosewashingtonstate.com/i-need-help-with/workforce-training/>

Purpose: Provide business training and workforce development services.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Business employers and entrepreneurs.

Application process: Varies; see website.

Types of assistance: Nine programs: Centers of Excellence, IMPACT Washington, Job Skills Program, Washington Customized Training Program, Washington Work Start (not available as of 8/2017), Workforce College, Workforce Development Council, Workforce Training and Education Board, and WkorkSource Labor Analysis.

Resource: State



Community WINS Grant Program

Quick summary: Grants to nonprofits for neighborhood stabilization, economic development, or job creation

Keywords: Economic development grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) and Wells Fargo

Contact: CommunityWINS@wellsfargo.com

Website URL: <http://www.usmayors.org/communitywins/>

Purpose: Support local nonprofits in promoting long-term economic prosperity and quality of life for their community through programs in three areas: neighborhood stabilization, economic development, or job creation.

Type of organization: Partnership of a nonprofit and a corporate foundation

Who is eligible: Nonprofits

Application process: USCM members nominate up to three initiatives or programs through a nonprofit. Applications on website.

Availability of funds: Total of \$1 million in grants to six nonprofits per year, with two awards per population category: large cities (population greater than 250,000), medium-sized cities (75,000 – 250,000), and small cities (under 75,000).

Resource: National



Craft3 Fund

Quick summary: Loans to businesses, nonprofits and consumers for economic development and conservation

Keywords: Economic development loans, Natural resources/environment loans, Training loans

Agency/Organization: Craft3

Contact: 888-231-2170; see website for offices in Port Angeles, Seattle, Spokane and Walla Walla.

Website URL: <http://www.craft3.org/>

Purpose: As a nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) lender, provide loans to businesses, nonprofits and individuals, including those without access to traditional financing, to strengthen economic, ecological and family resilience in Pacific Northwest communities.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: Business loans: to finance a business startup and expansion; nonprofit loans to provide essential services; business/nonprofit loans: to conserve energy, protect habitats, and ensure clean water. Consumer loans: for home energy efficiency; to repair/replace failing septic systems; finance living expenses while participating in the Ada Developers Academy (intensive software developer training school for women).

Application process: Apply online at website.

Availability of funds: Business/nonprofit loans: \$25,000 – \$5 million.

Resource: State



Economic Development Assistance Program (EDAP)

Quick summary: Grants for economic development strategies in economically distressed areas

Keywords: Economic development grants, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Contact: Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, 202-482-8001; Regional Office: Leonard Smith, Regional Director, 206-220-7660, asmith@eda.gov

Website URL: <https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>

Purpose: Leverage regional assets in economically distressed areas to support regional economic development strategies designed to advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions, create jobs, and strengthen the region's ability to compete in the global marketplace.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: State, county, local and tribal governments; nonprofits; public and private institutions of higher education

Application process: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis. See [EDAP-2017](#) on www.grants.gov.

Resource: National



Export Voucher Program

Quick summary: Funding to assist companies with export-related expenses

Keywords: Economic development, Small business & entrepreneurs

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Michele Ko (Business Development Manager, STEP Export Voucher Program),
Michele.ko@commerce.wa.gov, (206) 256-6102

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/business-loans/export-voucher-program>

Type of organization: Government

Purpose: Offer qualified companies new to exporting or expanding into new export markets funding for export-related expenses.

Who is eligible: See requirements on website.

Application process: Applications available online.

Availability of funds: Up to \$5,000 for export-related expenses; minimum 25% cash match is required.

How funds are to be used: Offset export-related expenses such as trade show airfare and fees, international marketing campaigns, translation of marketing materials, interpreter fees and international certifications.

Resource: State



Farmworker Adult Education Grant Program

Quick summary: Grants to organizations for farmworker adult education programs

Keywords: Farmworkers grants, Philanthropy, Training grants

Agency/Organization: Washington Apple Education Foundation

Contact: 2900 Euclid Avenue, Wenatchee, WA 98801, (509) 663-7713, waef@waef.org

Website URL: <http://waef.org/grants/>

Type of organization: Foundation

Purpose: Provide funding to school and community organizations for adult education programs for workers in entry level or lower-level supervisory positions within Washington's tree fruit industry. Areas funded: (1) boost economic self-sufficiency; (2) improve cross-cultural communications through English language literacy; (3) increase employment advancement opportunities for current ag-workers; and (4) promote citizenship through access to preparatory classes.

Who is eligible: School and community organizations providing adult education for families employed in the tree fruit industry.

Application process: Application on above website.

How funds are to be used: Program overhead, program staffing and development, program infrastructure.

Availability of funds: Grant range: \$2,000 - \$5,000.

Resource: State



Intermediary Relending Program

Quick summary: Fund for local intermediaries to set up revolving loan fund for businesses and institutions that create jobs in disadvantaged and remote communities

Keywords: Economic development loans, Small business & entrepreneurs, Tribal loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Contact: Ted Anderson, Rural Development, (509) 924-7350 ext 115, ted.anderson@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/intermediary-relending-program>

Purpose: To alleviate poverty and increase economic activity and employment in rural communities, by providing 1% low-interest loans to local intermediaries that re-lend to businesses for economic development activity that creates or retains jobs in disadvantaged and remote communities.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Nonprofits and cooperatives, federally-recognized tribes, public agencies. Intermediaries must have: Legal authority to operate a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF); a record of successfully assisting rural businesses and communities, normally including experience in making and servicing commercial loans; and the ability to provide adequate assurance of repayment of the loan. Ultimate recipients may be individuals, public or private organizations, or other legal entities. Project must be in a rural area outside a city or town with a population of less than 50,000.

Application process: Applications accepted quarterly through the USDA state office.

Availability of funds: Up to \$2 million for the first financing (set through the NOSA process); up to \$1 million at a time thereafter, as long as total aggregate debt does not exceed \$15M. Maximum loan per ultimate recipient is \$250,000 or 75% of the total cost of the recipient's project for which the loan is being made, whichever is less.

How funds are to be used: Acquire, construct, convert, enlarge or repair a business or business facility, particularly when jobs will be created or retained. Purchase or develop land (easements, rights of way, buildings, facilities, leases, materials). Purchase of equipment, leasehold improvements, machinery, or supplies. Start-up costs and working capital. Pollution control and abatement. Transportation services. Feasibility studies and some fees. Hotels, motels, convention centers. Education institutions. Aquaculture based rural small business.

Resource: National



Main Street Program

Quick summary: Help communities revitalize their downtown and neighborhood business districts

Keywords: Arts & heritage, Economic development

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation

Contact: Breanne Durham, Main Street Program Coordinator, 206-624-9449, bdurham@preservewa.org

Website URL: <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/programs/mainstreet-program>

Purpose: Help communities revitalize their downtown and neighborhood business districts by leveraging local assets—from historic, cultural, and architectural resources to local enterprises and community pride. Help communities develop their own strategies to stimulate long term economic growth and pride in the heart of the community—downtown.

Application process: Contact the program coordinator.

Types of assistance: Access to information, help to get focused and get community support, and guidance to individuals and organizations interested in downtown revitalization. Clearinghouse for tools and techniques in downtown development.

Resource: State



National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP)

Quick summary: Grants for employment and training to increase economic opportunities for farmworkers

Keywords: Employment grants, Farmworkers grants, Training grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration

Contact: Office of Workforce Investment, 202-693-3045; National Farmworker Jobs Program: NFJP@dol.gov

Website URL: <https://www.doleta.gov/Farmworker/html/resource.cfm>

Purpose: Funding for locally-administered programs of training, employment services, housing and related assistance that increases economic opportunities for migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: May vary, but frequently state, county, local and tribal governments; nonprofits; public or Indian housing entities.

Application process: Competitive grants held every four years through a Funding Opportunity Announcement on the Federal Register and www.grants.gov. See above website.

Resource: National



Regional Innovation Strategies Program

Quick summary: Grants that build regional capacity to translate innovations into jobs

Keywords: Economic development grants, Innovation

Agency/Organization: U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Contact: Brian Parker, (206) 220-7675, bparker2@eda.gov

Website URL: <https://www.eda.gov/oie/ris/>

Purpose: To increase innovation at the regional level through (1) proof-of-concept and commercialization assistance to innovators and entrepreneurs, and (2) operational support for organizations that provide essential, early-stage, risk capital to innovators and entrepreneurs.

Type of organization: Government

Application process: See website for application and tips for applying.

Availability of funds: A total of \$15 million in federal grant funding is available.

How funds are to be used: Two separate grant competitions: (1) i6 Challenge grants to support creation of centers for innovation and entrepreneurship that translate innovations into products and services; and (2) Seed Fund Support (SFS) grants for technical assistance for equity-based, cluster-focused seed funds that invest regionally-managed risk capital in regionally-based startups with a potential for high growth.

Resource: National



Rural Business Development Grants

Quick summary: Grant for activities to expand small businesses in rural areas

Keywords: Economic development grants, Small business & entrepreneurs grants, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Carlotta Donisi, (360) 704-7724, carlotta.donisi@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants/wa>

Purpose: Competitive grant to support targeted technical assistance, training and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas that have fewer than 50 employees and less than \$1 million in gross revenues. Programmatic activities are separated into enterprise or opportunity type grant activities.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Rural entities, including towns, communities, state agencies, nonprofit corporations, institutions of higher education, federally-recognized tribes, rural cooperatives

Application process: Applications are accepted through USDA Rural Development's local or State offices once per year. See program information specific to your local or State office.

Availability of funds: No maximum grant amount for enterprise or opportunity-type grants, but smaller requests are given higher priority. Generally, grants range from \$10,000 to \$500,000. No cost sharing required. Opportunity type grant funding limited to up to 10% of the total RBDG annual funding

How funds are to be used: Enterprise-type grant funds must be used on projects to benefit small and emerging businesses in rural areas as specified in the grant application. Uses may include: Training and technical assistance; acquisition or development of land; construction, conversion or renovation of buildings, plants, and equipment; pollution control; capitalization of revolving loan funds; distance adult learning for job training and advancement; rural transportation improvement; community economic development. Both Opportunity grants and Enterprise grants may be used for: Community economic development, technology-based economic development; feasibility studies and business plans; leadership and entrepreneur training; rural business incubators; and long-term business strategic planning.

Resource: National



Rural Communities Design Initiative

Quick summary: Help with community design to revitalize rural communities

Keywords: Economic development, Education, Infrastructure

Agency/Organization: Washington State University (WSU)

Contact: School of Design + Construction, 100 Dairy Road, Carpenter Hall 520, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-2220; Kathleen Ryan, Assistant Professor, Interior Design, karyan@wsu.edu, 509-335-3815 or Robert Krikac, Associate Professor, Interior Design, rkrikac@wsu.edu, 509-335-6845

Website URL: <http://rcdiwsu.wix.com/ruraldesign#!about/c14qb>

Purpose: Enhance the social, cultural, economic, and natural capital of unique rural places and promote economic prosperity through design interventions in the physical environment.

Application process: Contact program coordinators.

Types of assistance: Design interventions to transform the built environment and revitalize rural communities through: community visioning through participatory design; and capacity building through community build projects.

Resource: State



Rural Community Development Initiative Grants

Quick summary: Grants to help nonprofits develop housing and community facilities in rural areas

Keywords: Community facilities, Economic development grants, Housing, Technical assistance, Training grants, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Peter McMillin, Director, (360) 704-7737, peter.mcmillin@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-community-development-initiative-grants/wa>

Purpose: Provide funding to help nonprofit housing and community development organizations support housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Public bodies, nonprofit organizations, federally-recognized tribes. Projects must be in rural areas with up to 50,000 inhabitants.

Application process: Annual through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in the Federal Register and on [Grants.gov](http://grants.gov). See website for forms and guidance.

Availability of funds: Grants awarded through a competitive process, with a range of \$50,000 to \$250,000.

How funds are to be used: Training sub-grantees to conduct home-ownership education or minority business entrepreneur education. Provide technical assistance to sub-grantees on: Strategic plan development; accessing alternative funding sources; board training; developing successful child care facilities; creating training tools; and effective fundraising techniques.

Resource: National



Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program

Quick summary: Grants to set up and operate a Rural Cooperative Development Center

Keywords: Co-ops, Economic development grants, Technical assistance, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Greg York, (360) 704-7729, greg.york@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-cooperative-development-grant-program/wa>

Purpose: Improve the economic condition of rural areas by assisting individuals and businesses start, expand or improve rural cooperatives and other mutually-owned businesses through Cooperative Development Centers.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education only. Public bodies, for-profit business, and individuals are *not* eligible.

Application process: Applications requested each year through a notice published in the [Federal Register](http://www.federalregister.gov) and on grants.gov.

Availability of funds: Maximum award: \$200,000. Matching funds requirement: 25% of total project costs (5% for Native American tribally-controlled colleges and universities)

How funds are to be used: Operating a Rural Cooperative Development Center. These Centers provide technical assistance and services such as: Conducting feasibility studies, developing business plans, providing leadership and operational improvement training, and facilitating strategic planning.

Resource: National



Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD)

Quick summary: Prioritizes Farm Bill grants to projects supporting strategic economic and community development plans capitalizing on the rural area's unique strengths

Keywords: Economic development

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Hiwot Gebremariam, (202) 690-4749, RDCEd@wdc.USDA.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/strategic-economic-and-community-development>

Purpose: For projects in four other USDA Rural Development Farm Bill grant programs, give priority to projects that support strategic economic and community development plans that capitalize on the unique strengths of the rural area, and to help them overcome multi-jurisdictional challenges and leverage federal, state, local or private funding.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Applicants to four other Rural Development programs (see note below) whose projects support implementation of multi-jurisdictional strategic economic and community development plans carried out solely in a rural area may apply for priority consideration through SECD. **Note:** The four grant programs are: Business & Industry Program Loan Guarantees; Community Facilities Loans, Grants and Loan Guarantees; Rural Business Development Grants; and Water and Waste Disposal Program Loans, Grants and Loan Guarantees.

Application process: Interested applicants ask the RD office to review their plans early in the process for feedback and possible modification prior to submitting with the formal application. Applications available on the website, with opportunity announced in the Federal Register.

Resource: National



W Fund, The

Quick summary: Investments in early-stage start-ups in biosciences and technology

Keywords: Economic development, Innovation, Research, Small business & entrepreneurs, Technology

Agency/Organization: The W Fund

Contact: The W Fund, PO Box 95259, Seattle, WA 98145, 206-543-9522, admin@thewfund.com

Website URL: <http://www.thewfund.com/contact-us/>

Purpose: Spur company formation and job creation for promising technology-based start-up companies originating from Washington's research institutions

Type of Organization: Nonprofit

Application process: Interested companies should apply by email to: apply@thewfund.com

Availability of funds: Investment maximum: \$500,000 per investee.

How funds are to be used: Investments in early-stage start-ups in life science, biotech, medical device, alternative energy, and information technology emerging from universities and research centers across Washington.

Resource: State



Washington Economic Development Association (WEDA)

Quick summary: Organization of professionals and leaders economic development

Keywords: Economic development

Agency/Organization: Washington Economic Development Association (WEDA)

Contact: PO Box 1936, Tacoma, WA 98401, 253-620-6635

Website URL: <http://www.wedaonline.org/default.html>

Purpose: Serve as the statewide professional association committed to the development of economic and employment opportunities in our state, provide professional development and serve as a united voice for economic development with legislators and state agencies.

Type of organization: Nonprofit membership organization

Application process: Register for conferences and become a member online.

Types of assistance: Professional development; opportunities to share experiences with colleagues; voice in shaping policies that support economic development.

Resource: State



WorkFirst

Quick summary: Help families receiving TANF gain skills and experience for employment

Keywords: Employment, Low-income & underserved, Training

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Molly Onkka, molly.onkka@commerce.wa.gov, 360-725-4147, or 1-877-501-2233

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/community-opportunities/workfirst/>

Purpose: WorkFirst is Washington's welfare reform program designed to help Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) participants get what they need to prepare for and go to work.

Type of organization: Government

Application process: See above contact or website.

Types of assistance: WorkFirst participants get opportunities to gain job skills and experience through a variety of work readiness programs. If you are receiving TANF and think one of these programs will help you succeed, please contact a [service provider](#) in your region or visit your local DSHS office.

Resource: State



Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Programs

Quick summary: Grants for worker training and placement

Keywords: Employment grants, Training grants, Tribal grants, Youth grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

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Contact: U.S. Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20210, 1-866-487-2365

Website URL: <https://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm>

Purpose: Provide grants for multiple programs under the federal Workforce Investment Act. Includes adult employment and training activities; youth activities and summer jobs; dislocated worker employment and training activities; worker training and placement; and community service employment for older adults.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Varies by award; see website for guidelines.

Application process: Most are competitive grants, see www.grants.gov or above website.

Resource: National



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Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund

Quick summary: Grants and loans to create jobs, encourage new development and business expansion in Franklin and/or Benton counties.

Keywords: Economic development grants & loans, Employment grants & loans, Philanthropy, Small business & entrepreneurs grants & loans

Agency/Organization: Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund

Contact: Stephanie Seamans, CPA, Community and Economic Development Manager, Benton-Franklin Council of Governments, sseamans@haeif.com, 509-943-9185

Website URL: <http://hanfordfund.com/grants/grant-program.html>

Purpose: Serve as a catalyst for private capital investment and new job creation.

Type of organization: Foundation

Who is eligible: Public agencies for projects to create primary jobs, and encourage new development and business expansion that diversifies the economy in Benton and Franklin counties; and private corporations for projects to enhance the local economy and further economic diversification and who have been turned down for a loan from a traditional lending institution and demonstrate the ability to repay the loan.

Application process: Applications accepted twice a year; apply on website.

Availability of funds: Private Business Loan Program for corporations; Public Loan Program for municipal entities; Grant Program for governmental entities.

How funds are to be used: Catalyst for private capital investment and new jobs creation.

Geo areas served: Franklin and Benton counties

Resource: Regional



Institute for Public Policy and Economic Analysis

Quick summary: Research reporting on economic development factors in specific regions

Keywords: Economic development, Research

Agency/Organization: Eastern Washington University

Contact: Scott Richter, Community Indicators Project Manager, 509-828-1211, srichter20@ewu.edu

Website URL: <http://www.ewu.edu/cbpa/centers-and-institutes/ippea>

Purpose: Provide data and analysis about a variety of factors in the region that will be useful for businesses, communities and others as they plan for the future. Products include: annual Regional Economic Forecast, Community Indicators by county/region, and Strategic Sectors reports. Topics include: culture and recreation, demographics, economic vitality, education, the environment, health, housing and transportation, and public safety.

Type of organization: Higher Education – Research Institute

Geo areas served: Benton Franklin, Chelan Douglas, Grant County, Northeast Washington, Spokane County, Walla Walla County

Resource: Regional



North Central Washington Business Loan Fund

Quick summary: Loans for businesses in Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties to create and retain quality jobs and help diversify local economies

Keywords: Economic development loans

Agency/Organization: North Central Washington Business Loan Fund

Contact: PO Box 3032, Chelan, WA 98816, 509-860-4330, info@ncwloanfund.org

Website URL: <http://ncwloanfund.org/>

Purpose: Provide financing that will create and retain quality jobs and help diversify local economies throughout North Central Washington.

Type of organization: Nonprofit charitable organization

Who is eligible: Majority owner(s) in the business must be a U.S. citizen(s); business must be located within the three-county service district (excluding City of Wenatchee); business must create or retain jobs (goal ratio of 1 job: each \$20,000 of loan); borrower must provide a sound business plan, collateral equal to the loan amount, and 25% equity in the project. Projects for value-added agricultural products are eligible but not for production agriculture.

Application process: Fill out the NCW Business Loan Pre-Application Form which can be found on our website. Then [Schedule a meeting with the NCWBLF Loan Officer to discuss your eligibility.](#)

Types of assistance: provides financing alternatives to borrowers whose needs may exceed or fall outside the programs offered by conventional lenders.

Geo areas served: Rural communities in Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties, and the entire Colville Indian Reservation.

Resource: Regional



Stronger Economies Together (SET)

Quick summary: Technical assistance for rural areas to build a multi-county economic development plan

Keywords: Economic development, Technical assistance

Agency/Organization: Southern Rural Development Center

Contact: Rachel Welborn, Program Manager, Box 9755, Lloyd-Ricks-Watson Building, Mississippi State, MS 39762, 662-325-5885, rachel.welborn@msstate.edu

Website URL: <http://srdc.msstate.edu/set/home>

Purpose: Help rural communities and counties work together in developing and implementing an economic development blueprint that strategically builds on the current and emerging economic strengths.

Type of organization: Initiative of all Regional Rural Development Centers

Application process: Application on website.

How funds are to be used: Coaching for rural communities and counties to guide the design and implementation of a practical regional economic development plan for their multi-county region.

Geo areas served: Tri-County (Ferry, Pend Oreille, Stevens counties); MCED (Klickitat and Skamania counties)

Resource: National



Washington Coast Works Sustainable Small Business Competition

Quick summary: Competition for startup capital for new small businesses on Washington coast that support sustainable natural resource use

Keywords: Economic development, Natural resources/environment, Small business & entrepreneurs

Agency/Organization: Coast Works initiative of The Nature Conservancy and Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship

Contact: Coast Works Competition Administrator, Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship, 220 Second Avenue South, #126, Seattle, WA 98104, (425) 243-7366, info@wacoastworks.org

Website URL: <http://wacoastworks.org>

Purpose: Diversify the local economy through the development of new small businesses, build business leadership in local communities, grow a constituency that supports conservation and sustainable natural resource use, and ultimately contribute to a new vision of sustainable community and economic development on the Washington coast.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: Emerging entrepreneurs and small business owners working to start or grow triple-bottom-line businesses in coastal communities in the counties listed below. Priority for new independent and locally-owned businesses that can be launched with less than \$50,000 in financing; new products or services from existing small, independent and locally-owned business considered.

Application process: Submit Coast Works Application, see website.

Availability of funds: The top scoring contestant will receive up to \$10,000 in startup capital. The top second and third scoring contestants will each receive up to \$5,000 in startup capital.

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How funds are to be used: The startup capital may only be used for the purposes identified in the submitted Business Plan and will be paid directly to the vendor(s) providing the approved goods or services. The startup capital may not be used for general working capital.

Types of assistance: This is an investment in often under-served communities that will pay dividends for years to come on the Olympic Peninsula.

Geo areas served: Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Pacific and Wahkiakum counties

Resource: Regional



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America's Promise Alliance

Quick summary: Campaigns to improve high school graduation rates and prepare youth for success

Keywords: Education, Low-income & underserved, Youth

Agency/Organization: America's Promise Alliance

Contact: 1110 Vermont Avenue N.W., Suite 900, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 657-0600

Website URL: <http://www.americaspromise.org/>

Purpose: Membership organization of national and local organizations, community collaboratives, businesses, and individuals dedicated to improving the lives and long-term outcomes of America's young people.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Types of assistance: Members share knowledge and research, and learn about funding opportunities. Alliance leads multiple campaigns to improve high school graduation rates and prepare young people for college and the 21st century workforce.

Resource: National



Best Buy Community Grants

Quick summary: Grants for nonprofits offering hands-on technology programs for underserved youth

Keywords: Education grants, Low-income & underserved, Technology, Youth grants

Agency/Organization: Best Buy Foundation

Contact: 866-625-4350, CommunityRelations@BestBuy.com

Website URL: <https://corporate.bestbuy.com/community-grants-page/>

Purpose: Support to local and regional nonprofits offering programs offering hands-on technology education and tools to help underserved teens succeed in school and future careers.

Type of organization: Corporate foundation

Who is eligible: Programs delivering community-based youth programs for teens, ages 13-18, during out of school time, serving a diverse population, and located within 50 miles of a Best Buy facility.

Application process: Complete the grant eligibility quiz online www.cybergrants.com/bestbuy/CommunityGrantsquiz. See required proposal elements on website. Applications taken annually.

Availability of funds: Average grant amount: \$5,000; maximum: \$10,000.

Resource: National



Child Care Subsidy Program

Quick summary: Help low-income working families with child care costs

Keywords: Children, Early learning & care, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Contact: 1-877-501-2233

Website URL: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/child-care-subsidy-program>

Purpose: Help families pay for child care through either: Working Connections Child Care or Seasonal Child Care.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Your eligibility is determined by your household's income and the number of people in your family. Your child care costs (or co-payment) are determined on a sliding scale. Working Connections Child Care pays for child care subsidies to eligible households with parents who are working or are participating in a DSHS-approved work activity and whose children meet citizenship requirements. Seasonal Child Care pays for child care subsidies to eligible seasonally employed agricultural families who live in designated counties and are not receiving TANF benefits.

Application process: Apply by calling 1-877-501-2233 or online at [Online Application for Services](#) or at your [local Community Services Office](#).

How funds are to be used: Licensed or certified child care centers; licensed or certified family child care homes; relatives who provide care in their own homes; adults who come to your home to provide care.

Resource: State



Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) and Head Start

Quick summary: Preschool programs that provide free services and support to eligible children

Keywords: Children, Early learning & care, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Early Learning (DEL)

Contact: 1110 Jefferson St. S.E. , Olympia, WA 98501, 360-725-4665, eceap@del.wa.gov for ECEAP, hssco@del.wa.gov for Head Start

Website URL: <https://del.wa.gov/parents-family/eceap-and-head-start>

Purpose: Help ensure that all Washington children enter kindergarten ready to succeed. ECEAP and Head Start are comprehensive preschool programs that provide free services and support to eligible children and their families.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Children are accepted into ECEAP and Head Start based on age, family income, or other reasons that they would benefit from education, family support, and health services.

Application process: Contact the [ECEAP](#) or [Head Start](#) agency in your community directly.

Availability of funds: ECEAP and Head Start both provide free services and support to eligible children and their families.

How funds are to be used: The federal government provides grants to 30 organizations in Washington to provide these services.

Resource: State



Migrant/Seasonal Head Start

Quick summary: Preschool program that provides free services and support to children of migrant workers

Keywords: Children, Early learning & care, Farmworkers, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Early Learning (DEL)

Contact: 1110 Jefferson St. S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, 360-725-4665, hssco@del.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://www.del.wa.gov/partnerships/head-start/federal.aspx>

Purpose: Provide a high-quality early learning program for low-income children birth through 5 years old who are not yet eligible for kindergarten and their families who are migrant and seasonal farm workers.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Children of migrant and seasonal farm workers, based on child's age, family income, or other reasons that they would benefit from education, family support, and health services. Contact the agency in your community for more information.

Application process: Contact the [ECEAP](#) or [Head Start](#) agency in your community directly.

Availability of funds: Free services and support to eligible children and their families.

Types of assistance: The federal government provides grants to local organizations to offer these services.

Resource: State



Rural and Low-Income Schools (RLIS) Program

Quick summary: Grants to help rural schools create adequate programs for children from low-income families

Keywords: Education grants, Immigrants, Low-income & underserved grants

Agency/Organization: State of Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Contact: Tony May (Program Specialist II), Tony.may@k12.wa.us, (360) 725-6231

Website URL: <http://www.k12.wa.us/ruraleducationachievement/RLISP/Default.aspx>

Purpose: Provide grant funds to rural school districts that serve concentrations of children from low-income families. RLIS funds support a range of authorized activities in order to assist the school districts in meeting the state's definition of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: School districts with 20 percent or more of children (ages 5-17) from families with incomes below the poverty line *and* all schools served have a locale code of 6, 7, or 8 *and* are not eligible to participate in the [SRSAP program](#).

Application process: Local education agencies (school districts) submit an application through [iGrants](#) Form Package 262.

How funds are to be used: Conduct the following activities: Teacher recruitment and retention, including the use of signing bonuses and other financial incentives; teacher professional development, including programs that train teachers to use technology to improve teaching and that train teachers of students with special needs; support for educational technology, including software and hardware, that meets the requirements of ESEA, Title II, Part D; Parental involvement activities; activities authorized under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities: State Grants program; activities

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authorized under ESEA, Title I, Part A; or activities authorized under ESEA, Title III (Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students).

Resource: State



Small, Rural School Achievement Program (SRSAP), The

Quick summary: Flexibility for rural school districts in using federal formula grant funds

Keywords: Education

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Education; Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is the coordinator for Washington schools

Contact: Tony May (Program Specialist II), Tony.may@k12.wa.us, (360) 725-6231

Website URL: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/index.html>

Purpose: Provide eligible school districts with greater flexibility in using the formula grant funds they receive under certain state-administered federal programs.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: School district must have (a) average daily attendance (ADA) of less than 600 students, or (b) serve only schools that are located in counties that have a population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile, and serve only schools that have a National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) school [locale code](#) of 7 or 8, or (c) be located in an area of the state defined as rural by a governmental agency of the state.

Application process: Apply through the U.S. Department of Education's grants website called "G5," at www.G5.gov. The application period closes by May 30 each year.

Availability of funds: Annual awards directly to eligible school districts on a formula basis.

How funds are to be used: REAP Flexibility allows eligible school districts to combine/pool the following allocations: Title II, Part A - Teacher and Principal Training Fund. REAP Flexibility school districts may apply those combined/pooled funds to allowable activities under: Title I, A Improving Basic Programs; Title II, A Teacher and Principal Training Fund; Title II, D Enhancing Education through Technology; Title III English Language Acquisition, Enhancement, Achievement Improving Language Instruction; Title IV, A Safe and Drug-Free Schools; Title IV, B 21st Century Community Learning Centers; Title V, A Innovative Programs.

Types of assistance: REAP Flexibility is not a grant and does not provide school districts with funding. Rather, it gives districts greater latitude in spending funds.

Resource: Federal



Washington Health Professional Loan Repayment Program

Quick summary: Education loan repayment help for primary care health professionals who agree to practice in a rural or underserved area of Washington for at least three years

Keywords: Education, Health care providers

Agency/Organization: Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC)

Contact: 917 Lakeridge Way SW, Olympia, WA 98502, (360) 753-7800, Chris Wilkins, Program Manager, health@wsac.wa.gov, 360.753.7794

Website URL: <http://www.wsac.wa.gov/health-professionals>

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Purpose: Offer loan repayment assistance for primary care health professionals who agree to practice in a rural or underserved area of Washington, and agree to serve for at least three years.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Recipients must serve at an approved practice site in Washington. Eligible professions include: Physician (MD, DO, or Psychiatrist), Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Midwife (Certified Nurse), Registered Nurse, Pharmacist, Dentist, Dental Hygienist

Application process: Links to [online application process](#) and program guidance on [program website](#).

Availability of funds: Maximum award of \$75,000. Awardees must work a minimum of 24 hours per week.

How funds are to be used: Repay education loans for primary care professionals.

Resource: State



YouthBuild USA

Quick summary: Nonprofit that assists low-income youth, ages 16 to 24, with obtaining their GED or high school diploma while learning job skills by building affordable housing

Keywords: Education, Housing, Low-income & underserved, Technical assistance, Youth

Agency/Organization: YouthBuild USA

Contact: 58 Day Street, Somerville, Mass. 02144, (617) 623-9900, info@youthbuild.org

Website URL: <http://www.youthbuild.org>

Purpose: Unleash the intelligence and positive energy of low-income youth to rebuild their communities and their lives, and to fulfill their own potential and contribute to the well-being of others.

Type of organization: Nonprofit with federal appropriation through the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

Who is eligible: Low-income youth, ages 16 to 24.

Availability of funds: Program funds distributed by DOL through a competitive process to local community-based organizations that run YouthBuild programs. The Helene D. Stoneman Scholarship and Civic Leadership Program grants \$2,000 to outstanding YouthBuild graduates to assist with their college education.

Types of assistance: YouthBuild programs assist low-income youth, ages 16 to 24, with obtaining their GED or high school diploma while learning job skills by building affordable housing for homeless and low-income people. YouthBuild USA provides training and technical assistance, leadership development, funding for innovative program enhancements, and advocacy for these programs.

Resource: National



Available in Certain Regions

America's Farmers Grow Rural Education

Quick summary: Grants for STEM education projects of public schools nominated by local farmers

Keywords: Education

Agency/Organization: Monsanto Fund

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Contact: Use online contact form at <http://www.americasfarmers.com/contact/>

Website URL: <http://www.americasfarmers.com/community-outreach/grow-rural-education/>

Purpose: Help farmers positively impact their communities and support local public school districts to enhance STEM education.

Who is eligible: Farmers nominate their local public school districts; school district administrators are then eligible to submit an application for either a grant of up to \$10,000 or a grant of up to \$25,000 to support a science or math educational program. The more farmers that nominate a school district, the more it demonstrates community support and strengthens the school district's application.

Application process: Nomination form on website.

Availability of funds: 10,000 or \$25,000 grant to enhance STEM education

Geo areas served: Adams, Benton, Franklin, Grant, Spokane, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima counties

Resource: National



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Artists Safety Net, The

Quick summary: Small grants and training for professional craftspeople for emergency preparedness and relief

Keywords: Arts & heritage grants, Emergency response grants

Agency/Organization: CERF+ (Craft Emergency Relief Fund+)

Contact: 535 Stone Cutters Way, Ste 202, Montpelier, VT 05602, 802-229-2306

Website URL: <https://cerfplus.org/>

Purpose: Provide small grants and loans for professional craftspeople experiencing career-threatening illness, accident, fire, theft, or natural disaster, or to prepare for such emergencies. Also offers webinars and on-site training.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: Professional artist working in a craft discipline (e.g., a potter, metalsmith, glass artist, woodworker, fiber artist, or furniture maker) and legal U.S. resident; for relief grants, same plus having had a recent career-threatening emergency.

Application process: Apply online at above website.

Availability of funds: Emergency financial assistance from \$500 to \$8,000; “get ready” grants up to \$500.

Types of assistance: Grants; referrals to craft suppliers who have agreed to offer discounts on materials and equipment to craftspeople eligible for CERF funds; booth fee waivers from specific craft show producers; training webinars and presentations.

Resource: National



Disaster Loans

Quick summary: Loans to repair or replace property damaged in an officially-declared disaster area

Keywords: Emergency response loans, Small business & entrepreneurs loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Contact: U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd St., SW, Washington, DC 20416, 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339), disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

Website URL: <https://www.sba.gov/loans-grants/see-what-sba-offers/sba-loan-programs/disaster-loans>

Purpose: Provide low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners, and renters in an officially-declared disaster area.

Application process: See application online at above website.

How funds are to be used: Repair or replace the following items damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster: real estate, personal property, machinery and equipment, and inventory and business assets.

Types of assistance: Low-interest, long-term loans for physical and economic damage caused by a declared disaster.

Resource: National



Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

Quick summary: Grants to help repair water systems after a disaster

Keywords: Emergency response grants, Infrastructure grants, Water systems

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Contact your local RD office, (360) 704-7737

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants/wa>

Purpose: Help eligible communities prepare for or recover from an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water for households and businesses.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Local government, nonprofit organizations and federally recognized tribes in rural areas and towns with 10,000 or fewer people, and tribal lands in rural areas that have suffered from drought or flood; earthquake; tornado or hurricane; disease outbreak; chemical spill, leak or seepage; or other disasters.

Application process: Applications accepted through your local RD office year-round. See forms, guidance, etc., online.

Availability of funds: Water transmission line grants up to \$150,000 and water source grants up to \$500,000

How funds are to be used: Water transmission line grants are for construction of waterline extensions, repairs to breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and related maintenance necessary to replenish water supply and water source grants are for construction of a new water source, intake and/or treatment facility. Water source grants are to construct a water source, intake or treatment facility.

Resource: National



FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program

Quick summary: Grants to organizations working to prevent fire

Keywords: Emergency response grants, Public safety

Agency/Organization: FM Global

Contact: firepreventiongrants@fmglobal.com

Website URL: <http://www.fmglobal.com/about-us/our-business/corporate-responsibility/fm-global-fire-prevention-grant-program>

Purpose: Provide grant funding to support a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness, and control efforts throughout the U.S. and internationally.

Type of organization: Corporation

Who is eligible: Fire departments and brigades, as well as national, state, regional, local, and community organizations are eligible to apply.

Application process: See website for application. Application deadlines are March 31, July 31 and November 30.

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How funds are to be used: Funded projects include pre-fire planning for commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities; fire and arson prevention and investigation; and fire prevention education and training programs.

Resource: National



Recovery Resources

Quick summary: Information on assistance after a disaster including grant programs for individuals

Keywords: Consumer assistance, Emergency response grants

Agency/Organization: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Contact: FEMAS, Region X, Federal Regional Center, 130 - 228th Street, Southwest, Bothell, WA
98021-8627, 425-487-4600

Website URL: <https://www.fema.gov/recovery-resources>; also see <http://wildfires.wsu.edu/federal-state-agency/>

Purpose: Provide information for individuals and families in disaster situations. Includes a link to a list of grant programs for individuals. Information includes how to cope with disaster, types of assistance available, and community resources to help with recovery.

Type of organization: Government

Application process: See specific programs, <https://www.fema.gov/grants-assistance-programs-individuals>

Resource: National



ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES



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Available Statewide

Brownfields Program Grants

Quick summary: Grants and loans to clean up brownfields sites and provide related job training

Keywords: Natural resources/environment grants & loans, Pollution grants & loans, Training grants & loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Contact: For Region 10, Susan Morales, (206) 553-7299, Morales.Susan@epa.gov

Website URL: <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/types-brownfields-grant-funding>

Purpose: Funding for brownfields assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, and environmental job training. (**Note:** "Brownfields" are contaminated, often former industrial, sites.)

Type of organization: Government

Application process: Competitive grant process with funding opportunities announced at www.grants.gov and on above website.

How funds are to be used: Direct funding and loans for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and environmental job training.

Resource: National



Brownfields Revolving Loan Program Fund

Quick summary: Loans to clean up and redevelop brownfields sites

Keywords: Economic development loans, Natural resources/environment loans

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Connie Rivera, Program Manager, 360-725-3088, connie.rivera@commerce.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/current-opportunities/brownfields-revolving-loan-fund/>

Purpose: Commerce's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (BRLF) helps organizations clean up and redevelop Brownfields sites.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Local and regional governments, nonprofit agencies and private businesses

Application process: See online link to application.

Availability of funds: Loans range around \$500,000 or more, pending funding availability.

Resource: State



Environmental Education Grants Program

Quick summary: Grants for education that promotes environmental stewardship

Keywords: Education grants, Natural resources/environment grants, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Contact: EEgrants@epa.gov

Website URL: <https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

Purpose: Promote environmental awareness and stewardship, and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Local education agency, state education or environmental agency, college or university, nonprofit organization, noncommercial educational broadcasting entity, tribal education agency.

Application process: Competitive grant process through a Request for Proposals announced on www.grants.gov and on above website.

How funds are to be used: Projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques.

Resource: National



Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

Quick summary: Grants to address environmental harms and local environmental issues

Keywords: Natural resources/environment grants, Pollution grants, Social & environmental justice grants, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Contact: Sheila Lewis, 202-564-0152, lewis.sheila@epa.gov

Website URL: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program>

Purpose: Support and empower communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues; help communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Local or state education or environmental agency, college or university, nonprofit organization, noncommercial educational broadcasting entity, tribal education agency.

Application process: Competitive grant process through a Request for Proposals on www.grants.gov and the above website.

How funds are to be used: To collaborate with other stakeholders to develop and implement solutions to significantly address environmental and/or public health issues at the local level. Past grants have included: biodiversity, environmental literacy, air, water, and solid waste.

Types of assistance: Maximum award: \$30,000, depending on the availability of funds in a given year.

Resource: National



Environmental Protection Agency Grants

Quick summary: Grants for pollution prevention and to preserve environmental and human health

Keywords: Natural resources/environment grants, Pollution grants, Training grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Contact: EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 553-1200, (800) 424-4372

Website URL: <https://www.epa.gov/grants>; open grant opportunities listed at <https://www.epa.gov/grants/open-announcements-competitive-grant-opportunities>

Purpose: Help states and local areas achieve their environmental goals, and advance human health and the environment. Recent grant programs have included brownfields clean up and reuse, environmental workforce development, pollution prevention/source reduction

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Entities and geographic locations vary by grant opportunity.

Application process: Competitive grant process announced on www.grants.gov. Also see above website.

Resource: National



FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL SERVICES



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Available Statewide

Annie E. Casey Foundation

Quick summary: Policy advocacy and grants to meet needs of vulnerable children and families

Keywords: Children grants, Juvenile justice grants, Low-income & underserved grants, Philanthropy

Agency/Organization: Annie E. Casey Foundation

Contact: 701 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, 410-547-6600; email form at

<http://www.aecf.org/contact/>

Website URL: <http://www.aecf.org/>

Purpose: Foster public policies, human-service reforms, community supports, and make grants that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families; collect and provide data on child well-being in the United States through the annual [KIDS COUNT Data Book](#).

Type of organization: Foundation

Application process: Those with promising programs, practices or policies should submit ideas via an e-mail link on the website. Note that unsolicited grant applications are not often funded.

How funds are to be used: Grants to help federal agencies, states, counties, cities and neighborhoods create more innovative, cost-effective responses to the issues that negatively affect children: poverty, unnecessary disconnection from family, and communities with limited access to opportunity.

Resource: National



Bollinger Foundation, The

Quick summary: Grants for education and support of children who have lost a parent

Keywords: Education grants, Children grants, Philanthropy

Agency/Organization: The Bollinger Foundation

Contact: Grant Riekenberg, The Bollinger Foundation, c/o IEDC, 734 15th St. NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 223-4745, griekenberg@iedconline.org

Website URL: <http://www.bollingerfoundation.org/Grants.html>

Purpose: Grants for education and support of children who have lost one or both parents.

Type of organization: Foundation

Who is eligible: Priority to families in which deceased or remaining parent worked/works in the field of public or affordable housing, or community and economic development.

Application process: Application at above website.

Availability of funds: Based on family's financial need.

How funds are to be used: Special educational needs, school materials, college tuition, sometimes for counseling and other special needs.

Resource: National



Child Support Services

Quick summary: Help families establish, collect and process child support obligations

Keywords: Children, Family services

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Contact: 1-800-442-KIDS

Website URL: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/division-child-support/child-support-services>

Purpose: Help families by establishing child support obligations, collecting and processing child support payments, and reviewing and modifying child support obligations.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Families who receive cash or medical assistance from DSHS automatically receive DCS services. Others may qualify if any of the following applies: parent who has custody of a minor child; custodial parent of a minor child; former custodial parent who is owed child support that accrued under a support order; parent of a child who wants to establish paternity of the child; parent of a child who wants to pay support; person due court ordered post-secondary educational support for a child in school.

Application process: Go to above website or call 1-800-442-KIDS. Applications also available at your [local Community Services Office](#) (CSO).

Resource: State



Developmental Disabilities Endowment Trust Fund

Quick summary: Trust account to hold funds for individuals with developmental disabilities

Keywords: Consumer assistance, Low-income & underserved, Persons with disabilities

Agency/Organization: Arc Washington State, The

Contact: Tamara Roberts, Trust Manager, 2638 State Ave NE, Olympia, WA 98506, 888-754-8798 ext. 1, tamara@arcwa.org

Website URL: <http://www.ddlot.org/>

Purpose: Enable individuals with developmental disabilities or their families to set aside funds for future use without affecting their eligibility for government services and benefits.

Type of organization: Government (Established by Washington State Legislature; administered by The Arc Washington State)

Who is eligible: To be an eligible beneficiary, individuals must live in Washington State, be eligible for services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities, and be under the age of 65. Funds may be used for many services not covered by other benefits, including recreation, therapy, clothing and transportation.

Application process: Application and other forms on website.

Types of assistance: Outreach, enrollment, and account management and disbursement services for each individual who has an account through the Life Opportunity Trust; information and referral to prospective and active participants to assure participation does not jeopardize entitlements to government.

Resource: State



Emergency Programs

Quick summary: Help for individuals and families in emergency situations.

Keywords: Consumer assistance, Family services

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Contact: 1-877-501-2233 or your [local](#) Community Services Office

Website URL: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/emergency-programs>

Purpose: Help individuals and families in emergency situations, including: eviction, no food, homelessness, pregnancy medical, utility shut-off, domestic violence, medical emergency, non-receipt of benefits, daycare needed due to work, circumstances that present harm to yourself or others.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Any resident

Application process: Apply at your [Community Service office](#) or online. Applications available in multiple languages.

Resource: State



Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program

Quick summary: Grants to assist families in public housing to become self-sufficient

Keywords: Consumer assistance, Family services grants, Housing services grants, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Contact: 202-708-1112 or HUD Information Resource Center 1-800-955-2232

Website URL:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/fs_s

Purpose: Enable HUD-assisted families to increase their earned income and reduce their dependency on welfare assistance and rental subsidies.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Public housing agencies. The FSS program serves: public housing residents, Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) participants, residents of NAHASDA-assisted housing, and residents of project-based rental assistance (PBRA) projects.

Application process: Competitive grant process through a Notice of Funding Availability published in the Federal Register and www.grants.gov. See directions on above website.

How funds are to be used: Public housing agency contracts with other agencies to provide such services for families as: child care, transportation, education, job training, employment counseling, financial literacy, homeownership counseling.

Resource: National



Independent Youth Housing Program (IYHP)

Quick summary: Rental assistance and case management to help youth who have aged out of foster care to move to self-sufficiency

Keywords: Consumer assistance, Foster care youth, Housing services, Youth

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Peggy Lewis, lopp300@dshs.wa.gov, or Cheryl Bayle, cheryl.bayle@commerce.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://independence.wa.gov/programs/independent-youth-housing-program/>

Purpose: Provide rental assistance and case management services to eligible youth who have aged out of foster care so they have a safe affordable place to live and can become self-sufficient.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Foster youth who on or after September 1, 2006 are 18 years of age or older, was a dependent of the state of Washington under Chapter 13.34 RCW in the month before his or her 18th birthday, has not yet reached the age of 23, and whose total income does not exceed 50% area median income.

Application process: See contacts above.

Types of assistance: Monthly rent, utility payments (gas and electricity), move in costs (such as first and last month's rent, security deposits), cost for credit checks, cost for parking (if not included in rent and one is needed), case management services.

Geo areas served: Region 1 – Spokane County (Volunteers of America); Benton, Franklin, Kittitas, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties (Catholic Family & Child Service). Region 2 – King County (YMCA). Region 3 – Pierce County (Pierce County Alliance); Lewis and Thurston Counties (Community Youth Services)

Resource: Regional



Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Quick summary: Help low-income households meet immediate home energy needs

Keywords: Consumer assistance, Family services, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: 360-725-2857, LIHEAP@commerce.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy-energy/low-income-home-energy-assistance/>

Purpose: Assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs. LIHEAP primarily assists households by applying an energy assistance grant directly to the energy provider on behalf of the eligible household. Some also eligible for help to repair/replace unsafe, dysfunctional and/or inoperative heating system. Households may also qualify for Weatherization Program to make their homes more energy efficient.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Low-income households.

Application process: See application online.

How funds are to be used: Partial payment of annual household heating costs; energy crisis intervention; heat system repair and replacement; temporary shelter assistance; other emergency services, such as blankets, space heaters, minor window and roof repair; energy conservation education.

Resource: State



Pregnant Women Assistance Program

Quick summary: Cash assistance to low-income pregnant women not eligible for other programs

Keywords: Family services, Health care, Women

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Contact: 1-877-501-2233 or your [local](#) Community Services Office

Website URL: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/pregnant-women-assistance-program>

Purpose: Provide cash assistance to low-income pregnant women who are not eligible for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or State Family Assistance (SFA) program for a reason other than not cooperating program rules.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Women who are pregnant, meet income and resource requirements, meet citizenship / alien status requirement, and reside in Washington state.

Application process: Application is available online in many languages.

Availability of funds: Maximum monthly cash grant of \$197.00.

Resource: State



Refugee Cash Assistance

Quick summary: Cash and medical assistance for refugees during their first eight months in the United States

Keywords: Consumer assistance, Family services, Immigrants, Refugees

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Contact: 1-877-501-2233

Website URL: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/refugee-cash-assistance>

Purpose: Help refugees by providing cash and medical assistance (Refugee Medical Assistance program) during their first eight months in the United States.

Who is eligible: Refugees who can: provide documents issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) verifying immigration status and date of arrival into the U.S; provide the name of the voluntary agency (VOLAG) that resettled you; meet immigration status requirements; meet work and training requirements; and have resources of less than \$1,000 (certain resources, such as the first \$5,000 of equity in a vehicle, are exempt).

Application process: Apply [online](#) or at your [local](#) Community Services Office. Applications available in several languages.

Availability of funds: If you are a family of two eligible for RCA, you will get \$420 if you have no income. If one or both of you are working, we count half of your earnings against your grant. If you are a family of two, once you earn over \$839 per month, you would no longer receive RCA. You will continue to receive RMA for the rest of your first eight months in the U.S.

Resource: State



Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant

Quick summary: Grants to provide technical assistance in planning and leadership training to socially-disadvantaged groups in rural areas

Keywords: Co-ops grants, Economic development grants, Low-income & underserved, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Greg York, Rural Cooperative Development Grant Programs, (360) 704-7729, greg.york@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/socially-disadvantaged-groups-grant/wa>

Purpose: Provide technical assistance (TA) to socially-disadvantaged groups through cooperatives and Cooperative Development Centers

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Cooperatives and Cooperative Development Centers, which may be located in any area, but groups assisted must be located in an eligible rural area.

Application process: Annual competitive process with notices in Federal Register and on Grants.gov.

Availability of funds: Maximum grant: \$175,000

How funds are to be used: Provide TA to socially-disadvantaged groups in rural areas. Examples of TA: feasibility studies, business plans, strategic planning, leadership training.

Resource: National



Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Quick summary: Temporary cash for families in need to help them find and keep jobs

Keywords: Early learning & care, Employment, Family services

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Contact: 1-877-501-2233 or your [local](#) Community Services Office

Website URL: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/tanf-and-support-services>

Purpose: Provide temporary cash for families in need to help them find and keep jobs. Some families participate in the WorkFirst Program.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Washington state residents who are responsible for the care of children or who are pregnant, have resources of \$1,000 or less and meet requirements for income and citizenship or alien status requirements.

Application process: Apply [online](#) or at your [local](#) Community Services Office.

How funds are to be used: Help pay for child care expenses through Child Care Subsidy Program (formerly Working Connections Child Care); help with job search, including resume writing and job interview skills; provide opportunities to get training to increase your skills to get a better job.

Types of assistance: Work clothing, tools and equipment; transportation; educational expenses; vehicle repair; relocation expenses.

Resource: State



Washington Connection

Quick summary: Online portal to connect to a variety of services for children and families.

Keywords: Children, Consumer assistance, Early learning & care, Elderly/seniors, Family services, Food & nutrition, Health care, Persons with disabilities

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), together with other state agencies and community partners

Contact: 1-877-501-2233 or your local [Community Services Office](#).

Website URL: <https://www.washingtonconnection.org/home/>

Purpose: Provide a fast and easy way to apply for a variety of services, such as food, cash, child care, long-term care, Medicare Savings Program, and medical assistance for individuals age 65 or older, or who are blind, or disabled.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Washington state residents may qualify; eligibility varies by program. Website offers a [prescreening questionnaire](#).

Application process: Apply online at the above website.

Resource: State



Washington Information Network 2-1-1 (WIN211)

Quick summary: Referral center for people to call for health, housing and human service information and referrals, and other assistance to meet their needs

Keywords: Children, Consumer assistance, Domestic violence, Education, Elderly/seniors, Emergency response, Employment, Family services, Financial services, Food & nutrition, Health care, Housing, Low-income & underserved, Mental health, Persons with disabilities, Transportation, Veterans, Youth

Agency/Organization: Washington Information Network 2-1-1

Contact: Call 2-1-1 or search the resource listings on the website.

Website URL: <http://win211.org/>

Purpose: Serve as a central, easy-to-call referral center for health, housing and human service information, and maintain an updated, statewide, web-searchable database of community resources. Subject areas include: emergency resources, employment/training, financial assistance (bus tickets, rent deposits, etc.), financial counseling, food, health education and health care, housing/shelter, legal issues, material goods (e.g., clothing, diapers, household items), mental health/substance abuse, school supplies, transportation, and veterans resources.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: Any Washington resident.

Application process: No application to use the 2-1-1 services. Each program listed has its own eligibility and application process.

Resource: State



Washington State Community Action Partnership (WSCAP)

Quick summary: Advocacy and training for community action agencies

Keywords: Children, Domestic violence, Elderly/seniors, Emergency response, Employment, Family services, Financial services, Food & nutrition, Health care, Housing, Low-income & underserved, Mental health, Persons with disabilities, Veterans, Youth

Agency/Organization: Washington State Community Action Partnership (WSCAP)

Contact: Merritt Mount, Executive Director, PO Box 7130, Olympia, WA 98507, 360-888-8033 mmount@wapartnership.org; or Katrina Kahler-Wilson, Operations and Training Manager, 541.701.9211, katrina@wapartnership.org

Website URL: <http://www.wapartnership.org/what-we/serving-our-communities/>

Purpose: Provide a unified voice for Community Action Agencies (CAAs) in advocacy, policy, programmatic and legislative issues affecting families and communities in the State of Washington. Community Action Agencies help people in poverty help themselves in achieving self-sufficiency.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: CAAs can become members of WSCAP. Each CAA assists people in its region who are living at or below the poverty line.

Application process: Individuals should contact your area's CAA for information. See map or list at <http://www.wapartnership.org/caps.php>.

Types of assistance: Training and technical assistance for member CAAs, including [Family Development Specialist](#) training and certification for Community Action employees. Individual CAAs offer assistance to members of the public regarding: children and youth services, emergency services, employment assistance, energy assistance, financial literacy, food and nutrition, housing assistance, literacy /ESL classes, senior and disabled services, and weatherization.

Resource: State



Weatherization Programs

Quick summary: Funding for agencies that weatherize low-income homes and apartments

Keywords: Energy efficiency, Housing services

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Tim Bernthal (Communications Director), tim.bernthal@commerce.wa.gov, 360-725-5004

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/weatherization-and-energy-efficiency/>

Purpose: Help low-income families in conserving energy and reducing energy costs.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Local agencies that weatherize low-income homes and apartments.

Application process: Application online.

Types of assistance: Ceiling, wall, floor and duct insulation; air sealing to close gaps where heat can escape; heating system efficiency modifications; repair and rehabilitation services to eliminate health and safety hazards such as mold, lead-based paint and asbestos.

Resource: State



Available in Certain Regions

Rural Resources Community Action

Quick summary: Resource and referral for individuals and families

Keywords: Children, Consumer assistance, Domestic violence, Education, Elderly/seniors, Employment, Family services, Financial services, Food & nutrition, Housing, Low-income & underserved, Persons with disabilities, Transportation, Veterans, Youth

Agency/Organization: Rural Resources Community Action

Contact: 956 South Main, Colville, WA 99114, 509-684-8421 or toll free 877-219-5542, info@ruralresources.org

Website URL: <http://www.ruralresources.org/>

Purpose: Provide education, resources and support to help children, seniors and families, and create a stronger and more stable community for all.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Application process: See information on website or phone.

Types of assistance: Resource and referral in the areas of: child abuse, crime victims, domestic violence, energy assistance, Head Start & ECEAP, housing, jobs, senior services, sexual assault, transportation, and weatherization.

Geo areas served: Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Whitman and Stevens counties

Resource: Regional



FOOD AND NUTRITION



FOOD AND NUTRITION

Available Statewide

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

Quick summary: Food commodities for food pantries to distribute to low-income elderly persons

Keywords: Elderly/seniors, Food assistance, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Agriculture (funding from U.S. Department of Agriculture)

Contact: Kim Eads; General Information: (360) 725-5640, foodassistance@agr.wa.gov

Website URL: <https://agr.wa.gov/FoodProg/CSFP.aspx>

Purpose: To improve the health of low-income elderly persons at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Food programs who serve elderly persons at least 60 years of age who have monthly incomes up to 130 percent of the federal poverty level.

Application process: WSDA distributes food commodities and operational funding from USDA to 11 CSFP lead contractors and 21 counties throughout the state. To learn how your organization can distribute CSFP food, contact your [county's lead contractor](#).

How funds are to be used: The food “packages” provide elderly clients with 27 pounds of critically needed food each month. The focus is on nutritional supplementation and provides a variety of fruits, vegetables, healthy juices, dairy, potatoes, cereal, rice, and protein.

Resource: National



Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)

Quick summary: Funds and assistance for nonprofit food banks and pantries

Keywords: Food assistance, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Agriculture

Contact: Kim Eads; General Information: (360) 725-5640, foodassistance@agr.wa.gov

Website URL: <https://agr.wa.gov/FoodProg/EFAP.aspx>

Purpose: Alleviate hunger in the state of Washington by providing funds, technical assistance, and information to community programs that deliver emergency food and services to hungry people.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Nonprofit emergency food programs must have been operating for at least one year as a food pantry or food bank distribution center.

Application process: To learn how your organization can distribute EFAP food, contact your county's [lead contractor](#). Tribes participating in the food pantry program may apply directly to the state per the state's Centennial Accord.

Availability of funds: WSDA awards biennial contracts using State General Funds, currently to approximately 330 food pantries and food bank distribution centers.

Resource: Statewide



Emergency Food Assistance Program, The (TEFAP)

Quick summary: Food commodities for food banks and pantries

Keywords: Food assistance, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Agriculture (funding from U.S. Department of Agriculture)

Contact: Kim Eads; General Information: (360) 725-5640, foodassistance@agr.wa.gov

Website URL: <https://agr.wa.gov/FoodProg/TEFAP.aspx>

Purpose: Equitably distribute those food commodities made available to the State of Washington to qualified low-income Washingtonians. In addition, provide service agencies throughout the state with the necessary framework to keep food assistance distributions flexible and responsive to client needs.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Food banks and pantries serving low-income families who earn 185 percent or less of the federal poverty level and are in need of food. Families visiting food banks self-declare their income.

Application process: WSDA contracts with 19 lead contractors, who are responsible for program operations at the county level for one or more counties. The contract award is determined by the federal budget and allocated based on county poverty statistics. Each lead contractor determines which eligible local providers participate in order to ensure full service area coverage. To learn how your organization can distribute TEFAP food, contact your county's [lead contractor](#).

Availability of funds: The USDA provides federal funds and food as re-authorized every five years through the Farm Bill. Washington state's fair share is determined by poverty and unemployment statistics. The majority of the funds are passed through to lead contractors.

Resource: National



National School Lunch Program

Quick summary: Free and reduced-price, healthy lunches at school for eligible children

Keywords: Children, Education, Food assistance, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) through Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and local school districts

Contact: Your school or Wendy Barkley, OSPI Program Supervisor, 360-725-6220, wendy.barkley@k12.wa.us

Website URL: <http://www.k12.wa.us/childnutrition/Programs/NSLBP/default.aspx>

Purpose: Promote children's health and well-being by providing nutritious, low-cost or free lunches to eligible children each school day.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: All foster children, homeless and migrant students, households taking part in Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), students in Head Start and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP), and households with income levels below certain thresholds. Public school districts, private schools, residential child care institutions (RCCIs) and charter schools may participate.

Application process: Contact your child's school or school district. At the beginning of the school year, an application packet is sent to all households with students in Washington schools. Applications can also be made during the school year.

Availability of funds: Nationally the program provides reduced-price lunches at 40 cents each. Washington, however, pays all lunch costs for public school students in grades K–3 eligible for reduced-price meals.

How funds are to be used: School lunches for eligible children.

Resource: National and State



School Breakfast Program

Quick summary: Free and reduced-price, healthy breakfasts at school for eligible children

Keywords: Children, Education, Food assistance, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) through Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and local school districts

Contact: Your school or Wendy Barkley, OSPI Program Supervisor, 360-725-6220, wendy.barkley@k12.wa.us

Website URL: <http://www.k12.wa.us/childnutrition/Programs/NSLBP/default.aspx>

Purpose: Promote children's health and well-being by providing nutritious, low-cost or free breakfasts to eligible children each school day.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Any child at a participating school may purchase a meal through the School Breakfast Program. Children from families with incomes at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible for free meals. Those with incomes between 130 percent and 185 percent of the poverty level are eligible for reduced-price meals, for which students can be charged no more than 30 cents. Public school districts, private schools, residential child care institutions (RCCIs) and charter schools may participate.

Application process: Contact your child's school or school district. At the beginning of the school year, an application packet is sent to all households with students in Washington schools. Applications can also be made during the school year.

Resource: National and State



Special Milk Program (SMP)

Quick summary: Free milk at school for eligible children

Keywords: Children, Education, Food assistance, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and local school districts

Contact: Your school or Wendy Barkley, OSPI Program Supervisor, 360-725-6220, wendy.barkley@k12.wa.us

Website URL: <http://www.k12.wa.us/ChildNutrition/programs/SpecialMilk/default.aspx>

Purpose: To provide milk to children in schools and childcare institutions who do not participate in other federal meal service programs. The program reimburses schools for the milk they serve.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Children in nonprofit schools who do not participate in other Child Nutrition programs, along with children in half-day pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs in schools offering meals but who do not have access to the meal programs.

Application process: At the beginning of the school year, an application packet was sent to all households with students in Washington schools. All households with income levels below certain thresholds are encouraged to apply for any or all of the programs.

Resource: National and State



State Food Assistance Program (FAP), or Basic Food

Quick summary: Food benefits for legal immigrants who are not eligible for federal SNAP program

Keywords: Food assistance, Immigrants, Low-income & underserved,

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Contact: 1-877-501-2233 or your [local](#) Community Services Office

Website URL: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/state-food-assistance-program-fap>

Purpose: Provide benefits to legal immigrants who are not eligible for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), called Basic Food in Washington, solely because of immigration status.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Legal immigrants who meet all the [Basic Food](#) requirements except citizenship or alien status. Benefits are based on household income and the number of eligible people in the home.

Application process: Apply [online](#) or at your [local](#) Community Services Office.

Availability of funds: Households that include a person eligible for FAP receive half the amount of food benefits they would receive for this person if eligible for SNAP.

Types of assistance: Households can receive a mix of FAP and SNAP benefits depending on the citizenship or alien status of each person in the home.

Resource: State



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Quick summary: Benefit for low-income individuals and families to buy food

Keywords: Food assistance, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service

Contact: 1-877-501-2233 (Washington state hotline), or see your local Community Services Office (CSO).

Website URL: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap>

Purpose: SNAP offers nutrition assistance to eligible, low-income individuals and families, and provides economic benefits to communities.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Eligibility for Basic Food is based on your monthly income (before taxes) and your household size. We also look at your regular expenses, such as rent and child care, to determine what your benefits will be.

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Application process: Get the application at your local Community Services Office (CSO), or call and ask that an application be sent to you. You may complete an online application by using the WashingtonConnection.org web site.

How funds are to be used: The USDA Food and Nutrition Service sets rules on what SNAP / Basic Food benefits can be used for. Benefits can be used only for food and for plants/seeds to grow food for your household. SNAP benefits are used at food stores and farmer's markets through electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards.

Resource: National



Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program (WIC)

Quick summary: Food and health supports for pregnant women, new mothers and young children

Keywords: Children, Food assistance, Low-income & underserved, Women

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) through Washington State Department of Health (DOH)

Contact: 1-800-322-2588 (Washington's Family Health Hotline)

Website URL: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/WIC>

Purpose: WIC improves the health of pregnant and new mothers and children up to age 5 through healthy food, breastfeeding support, and health screenings.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Pregnant women, new and breastfeeding moms, and children under age 5.

Application process: Step 1: Find a WIC Clinic [Use the ParentHelp123 Resource Finder](#) or Call the Family Health Hotline at 1-800-322-2588. Step 2: Call and make an appointment with friendly WIC staff. The first appointment takes about 30-45 minutes and includes getting the first check for food.

Types of assistance: Nutrition education, breastfeeding support, monthly checks for healthy food, health screenings and referrals. WIC provides a wide variety of healthy foods that: Include foods from each food group.

Resource: National and State



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Aged, Blind and Disabled

Quick summary: Health care coverage for aged, blind or disabled individuals

Keywords: Consumer assistance, Elderly/seniors, Health care, Low-income & underserved, Persons with disabilities

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Contact: 1-877-501-2233, <http://www.washingtonconnection.org/>

Website URL: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/aged-blind-and-disabled>

Purpose: Provide health care coverage for aged, blind or disabled individuals.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Individuals who are age 65 and over, blind or disabled with income at or below the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) income standard and who meet other income/resource requirements. Those with income over the SSI income standard, may be eligible for the Medically Needy program by spending down resources. Resource limits are \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for couples.

Application process: See [Health Care Authority](#) website.

Types of assistance: There are three types of health care coverage offered through the Aged, Blind and Disabled Medical Programs. They are: Categorically Needy Program (CN); and Medically Needy Program with no spenddown (MN); and Medically Needy with [spenddown](#) (MN with spenddown).

Resource: State



Alien Emergency Medical Programs

Quick summary: Coverage for emergency health needs of those not meeting citizenship/immigration status requirements of other Apple Health programs

Keywords: Consumer assistance, Health care, Low-income & underserved, Immigrants, Persons with disabilities

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Contact: 1-877-501-2233, <http://www.washingtonconnection.org/>

Website URL: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/alien-emergency-medical-programs>

Purpose: Provide emergency health care coverage for individuals who do not meet citizenship or immigration status requirements of other Apple Health programs.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Individuals with a qualifying medical condition, which includes at least one of the following: emergency room care, inpatient admission, or outpatient surgery; cancer treatment plan; dialysis treatment; anti-rejection medication for an organ transplant; or long-term care services.

Application process: Individuals with a qualifying emergency medical condition who are: Age 65 or older and not a caretaker for a child under age 18; receiving Medicare; or seeking long-term care services and are not related to a MAGI-based Apple Health program: apply online at

www.washingtonconnection.org or complete Application for Long-Term Care/Aged, Blind, Disabled Coverage (HCA 18-005), which can be downloaded from the [Health Care Authority website](#). Individuals with a qualifying emergency medical condition who are: Age 19 to 64; not receiving Medicare; or seeking long-term care services and are related to a MAGI-based Apple Health program: complete Application for Health Care Coverage (HCA 18-001) downloaded from the [Health Care Authority website](#).

Resource: State



Apple Health for Kids, Families, and Pregnant Women (Medicaid)

Quick summary: Health care coverage for income-eligible individuals and families

Keywords: Children, Consumer assistance, Health care, Low-income & underserved, Women

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Contact: [HCA Medicaid eligibility determination services \(MEDS\)](#), 1-877-501-2233

Website URL: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/medical-programs>

Purpose: Provide health care coverage for income-eligible individuals and families.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible and Application process: Learn if you are eligible, or apply for or renew Apple Health coverage at www.wahealthplanfinder.org

Resource: State



Community Behavioral Health Bed Grants

Quick summary: Grants for short-term mental health units or services in hospitals or other entities

Keywords: Health care grants, Hospitals grants, Mental health grants

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Pat Gibbon (Program Manager), (360) 725-3023, patricia.gibbon@commerce.wa.gov, or Community Capital Facilities, (360) 725-3075, capprograms@commerce.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/capital-facilities/behavioral-health-bed-grants/>

Purpose: Establish or build new short-term mental health units or services in hospitals or other entities. (Note: Due to lack of 2017-19 biennium Capital Budget, grants are on hold at this time.)

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Community hospitals with inpatient psychiatric beds, free-standing evaluation and treatment facilities, triage facilities, crisis stabilization facilities with 16 or fewer beds

Application process: See contacts above.

How funds are to be used: Construction and equipment costs associated with new or established inpatient facilities. Funds may not be used for: operating costs for treatment or patient services.

Resource: State



Family Planning Services

Quick summary: Birth control and family planning services for individuals in Apple Health

Keywords: Family services, Health care, Women

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Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Contact: Family Planning hotline: 1-800-770-4334

Website URL: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/family-planning-services>

Purpose: Provide birth control and family planning services for women and men enrolled in Apple Health (Medicaid).

Application process: If you do not have health care coverage, apply online at www.wahealthplanfinder.org or call 1-855-923-4633.

Availability of funds: Apple Health (Medicaid) coverage covers the cost of an annual exam and birth control method.

How funds are to be used: Use your ProviderOne Services card at pharmacies to buy over-the-counter birth control.

Resource: State



J-1 Visa Waiver Program

Quick summary: Sponsor up to 30 J-1 visa waivers for physicians to work in rural and underserved areas of the state

Keywords: Health care, Health care providers, Immigrants

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Health (DOH)

Contact: Office of Community Health Systems, Rural Health Section, Attention: J-1 Visa Waiver Program, 111 Israel Rd. S.E. (MS: 7853), Tumwater, WA 98504, 1-800-525-0127

Website URL:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/RuralHealth/ResourcesforClinicians/J1VisaWaiverProgram>

Purpose: Increase the number of physicians available to work in rural and underserved areas of the state, by offering a J-1 Visa waiver to foreign physicians who commit to serving three years in an underserved area of the state, waiving the foreign medical residency requirement and allowing them to remain in the United States.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Employers in Washington must be located in a designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or whole-county Medically Underserved Area (MUA); also up to five of the total waivers to physicians who will practice at healthcare facilities located in non-designated areas that meet the criteria.

Application process: See [program website](#) for forms and instructions.

Availability of funds: Washington State will sponsor up to 30 waivers per federal fiscal year (October 1 through September 30), with at least 20 of the waivers going to primary care physicians, and up to 10 to specialists.

Resource: State



Lead-Based Paint and Hazard Control Grant Program

Quick summary: Grants to reduce lead-based paint hazards in rental or owner-occupied housing

Keywords: Health care grants, Housing conditions grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

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Contact: HUD Information Resource Center, 1-800-955-2232

Website URL: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/healthy_homes/lbp/lhc or

Purpose: Identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned rental or owner-occupied housing.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: State, local and tribal government entities.

Application process: Competitive grants through a Notice of Funding Availability published in the Federal Register and on www.grants.gov. See above website.

How funds are to be used: Hazard inspections and remediation.

Resource: National



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Quick summary: Grants to improve the health and health care of all Americans

Keywords: Health grants, Philanthropy, Training grants

Agency/Organization: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Contact: Office of Proposal Management, Route 1 and College Road E., P.O. Box 2316, Princeton, N.J. 08543, (877) 843-7953, mail@rwjf.org

Website URL: <http://www.rwjf.org>

Purpose: Build a national Culture of Health to improve the health and health care of all Americans.

Type of organization: Foundation

Who is eligible: Nonprofits and public agencies working in four areas, each of which issues calls for proposals: health systems; healthy children, healthy weight; healthy communities; health leadership. Organizations proposing pioneering ideas and innovative solutions to foster a Culture of Health in America.

Application process: Submit online. Website links to all open calls for proposals.

Resource: National



Rural Community Programs

Quick summary: Grant programs to increase rural access to health care

Keywords: Health care grants

Agency/Organization: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Contact: For HRSA grant-related questions: (877) 464-4772

Website URL: <http://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/community/index.html>

Purpose: Provide funding to increase access to care in rural communities and to address their unique health care challenges.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Multiple programs with differing requirements and geographic target areas, but generally for community organizations using evidence-based models of care who will share resources and expertise in networks of two or more health care providers. Examples of focus areas in 2017: allied health training, black lung, health network development, opioids.

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Application process: Varies; see website.

Resource: National



Rural Health Funding Opportunities

Quick summary: Grant programs for health needs in rural areas

Keywords: Health care grants

Agency/Organization: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Contact: For HRSA grant-related questions: (877) 464-4772

Website URL:

<https://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/programopportunities/fundingopportunities/default.aspx>

Purpose: Provide funding to increase access to care in rural communities.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Multiple programs with differing requirements and geographic target areas.

Application process: Varies; see website.

Resource: National



Rural Health Information Hub

Quick summary: Information on federal health-related grants for rural communities and rural health policy

Keywords: Health care, Health care providers

Agency/Organization: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Contact: 1-800-270-1898, info@ruralhealthinfo.org

Website URL: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/> “Am I Rural?” tool:

<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural>

Purpose: Provide information on rural health issues, and links to funding opportunities, program models and information sources. “Am I Rural?” tool shows whether a particular location fits “rural” definitions for federal programs.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Anyone seeking information.

Resource: National



Rural Hospital Programs

Quick summary: Technical assistance, training and grants for rural hospitals

Keywords: Health care, Health care providers, Hospitals

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Contact: Rachel Moscato, Project Officer for Washington State, 301-443-2724, rmoscato@hrsa.gov

Website URL: <https://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/ruralhospitals/index.html>

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Purpose: Provide technical assistance, training and grants to address the unique needs of rural hospitals. Grant programs address health care quality and performance improvement.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Hospitals in rural, frontier and underserved communities.

Application process: Varies; see website.

Resource: National



Rural Underserved Opportunities Program (RUOP)

Quick summary: Teams medical students with local physicians to care for underserved populations in rural or urban communities in Washington other western states

Keywords: Education, Health care, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: University of Washington

Contact: Toby Keys, MA, MPH, RUOP Co-Director, Health Sciences Building E-301, University of Washington, Department of Family Medicine, Box 356390, Seattle, Washington, 98195, (206) 616-7832, keyst@uw.edu

Website URL: <https://depts.washington.edu/fammed/education/programs/ruop/>

Purpose: Provide medical students with an early exposure to the challenges and rewards of practicing primary care medicine in a rural or urban underserved setting.

Who is eligible: UW medical students between first and second year of medical school.

Application process: Contact the program department.

How funds are to be used: Four-week, elective immersion experience in community medicine for students between their first and second years of medical school, working side-by-side with local physicians providing health care to underserved populations in rural or urban communities in Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, or Idaho (WWAMI).

Resource: Regional



Targeted Rural Underserved Track (TRUST)

Quick summary: Program to train medical students for careers in underserved rural areas and small cities

Keywords: Education, Health care, Health care providers

Agency/Organization: University of Washington

Contact: David Evans, MD, Co-Director, TRUST Program, Box 356340, Health Sciences Building E-301, 1959 NE Pacific St., Seattle, WA 98195-6390, 206-221-1587, uwtrust@uw.edu

Website URL: <https://depts.washington.edu/fammed/education/programs/trust/>

Purpose: Provide a continuous connection between underserved communities, medical education, and health professionals in our region; train qualified medical students for careers working in underserved rural areas and small cities of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI).

Who is eligible: University of Washington School of Medicine students.

Application process: Students apply to UW School of Medicine to be admitted as TRUST scholars through a targeted admissions process.

Geo areas served: Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho



Telehealth Programs

Quick summary: Help in increasing telehealth technologies in underserved and rural areas

Keywords: Health care, Health care providers, Infrastructure

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Contact: Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center, 1-888-662-5601

Website URL: <http://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/telehealth/>

Purpose: Increase use of telehealth technologies for health care delivery, education, and health information services in rural and remote communities.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Rural, frontier and underserved communities.

How funds are to be used: Multiple grant and assistance programs with varied uses. Generally to expand access and improve quality of health care services, training, and patient and provider information.

Application process: Varies; see website.

Resource: National



Underserved Pathway

Quick summary: Program to prepare physicians to care for underserved populations

Keywords: Education, Health care, Health care providers

Agency/Organization: University of Washington

Contact: Genya N. Shimkin, MPH, Program Manager, 206-616-7889, upath@uw.edu

Website URL: <https://depts.washington.edu/fammed/education/programs/upath/>

Purpose: Prepare future physicians to care for vulnerable and underserved populations, including engaging students in: mentoring, knowledge foundation, and a variety of real-world experiences.

Who is eligible: University of Washington School of Medicine students.

Application process: Contact the program.

Resource: Regional



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Association of Washington Housing Authorities

Quick summary: Membership organization for public housing authorities

Keywords: Housing, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: Association of Washington Housing Authorities

Contact: c/o Spokane Housing Authority, 55 West Mission, Spokane, WA 98201

Website URL: <http://www.awha.org/index.html>. List of local housing authorities:
<http://www.awha.org/contact.html>

Purpose: Help local housing authorities enhance their effectiveness in their communities through forums to discuss best practices and common problems, education and advocacy.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: Local public housing authorities.

Types of assistance: Education, networking and advocacy for member local housing authorities.

Resource: State



Community Lending Programs

Quick summary: Provides revolving loan funds for pre-development and rental housing preservation

Keywords: Housing loans, Farmworker housing

Agency/Organization: Office of Rural and Farmworker Housing

Contact: 1400 Summitview Avenue #203, Yakima, WA 98902, 509.248.7014

Website URL: <https://www.orfh.org/community-lending/>

Purpose: Through certification as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), provides two revolving loan funds (RLFs): (1) for pre-development low-interest loans for sponsors; and (2) to rehabilitate and preserve existing rural rental housing.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Availability of funds: ORFH provides low-interest loans to our sponsors in the early stages of the development process. ORFH successfully applied to USDA Rural Development for a \$1 million RLF to help rehabilitate and preserve existing rural rental housing that was financed in part by U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development's multi-family housing programs.

How funds are to be used: Loans typically cover expenses such as earnest money for land acquisition, environmental reviews and other costs associated with moving a development from conceptual stages to actual plans.

Resource: Statewide



Consolidated Homeless Grant

Quick summary: Grants for supports to those experiencing or at risk of homelessness

Keywords: Family services grants, Housing grants, Housing services grants, Low-income & underserved grants

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Kathy Kinard Operations Manager, 360-725-2939, kathy.kinard@commerce.wa.gov; see website for contacts by county.

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/consolidated-homeless-grant/>

Purpose: Provide funding to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: County governments and homeless housing service providers.

Application process: Contact county program manager; see list on above website.

How funds are to be used: Time-limited rent assistance; temporary emergency housing; services connected to housing stability.

Resource: State



Continuum of Care (COC) Program

Quick summary: Grants to help communities rehouse and stabilize people experiencing homelessness

Keywords: Housing grants, Housing services grants, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Contact: Region X office: Jack Peters, Director, 206-220-5268, Jack.Peters@hud.gov; portal to submit competition questions: <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>

Website URL: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-program-eligibility-requirements/>; overall program: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>

Purpose: Promote community commitment to ending homelessness by funding efforts to quickly rehouse individuals (including unaccompanied youth) and families experiencing homelessness, with the goal of long-term stability.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, and public housing agencies. Applicant must be designated by the Continuum of Care (COC) to submit an application for HUD grant funds.

Application process: Competitive competition through a Notice of Funding Availability published in the Federal Register and at Grants.gov. See website for resources.

How funds are to be used: Projects in any of five areas: permanent housing, transitional housing, supportive services only, Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), and homelessness prevention. Costs may include: purchase or lease of real property for housing; housing construction or rehabilitation; rental assistance; supportive services; HMIS costs; and operating/administrative costs.

Resource: National



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Quick summary: Grants for support services for homelessness prevention

Keywords: Housing grants, Housing services grants, Low-income & underserved grants

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Julie Montgomery, ESG Program Manager, (360) 725-2963, Julie.montgomery@commerce.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/emergency-solutions-grant/>

Purpose: Provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless and to rapidly re-house persons who are experiencing homelessness.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Counties and cities that are not direct grantees of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for this program.

Application process: Contact above program manager.

Types of assistance: Short-term or medium-term Rental Assistance, Housing Search and Placement, and Housing Stability Case Management.

Resource: State



Enterprise Community Partners

Quick summary: Grants and loans to low-income housing providers to create and preserve housing, and provide support services to housing residents

Keywords: Housing grants & loans, Housing preservation grants & loans, Low-income & underserved, Technical assistance

Agency/Organization: Enterprise Community Partners

Contact: M.A. Leonard, Vice President, 2025 First Ave., Suite 1250, Seattle, WA 98121, 206-223-4519, mleonard@enterprisecommunity.org

Website URL: <http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/where-we-work/pacific-northwest>

Purpose: Create opportunity for low- and moderate-income people through fit, affordable housing and diverse, thriving communities. Enterprise introduces neighborhood solutions through public-private partnerships with financial institutions, governments, community organizations and others that share its vision. Enterprise Community Investment is a for-profit subsidiary of the parent nonprofit corporation.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: Community housing providers

Availability of funds: Grants and loans to help build or preserve affordable rental and for-sale homes to create vital communities. Key products are: tax credit syndication, community loan fund, multifamily mortgage finance.

How funds are to be used: Create and preserve sustainable, affordable housing; equitable, transit-oriented development; health and services for low-income, vulnerable residents of affordable housing; green building practices.

Types of assistance: Predevelopment and acquisition lending; housing development and consulting; permanent financing; low-income housing tax credit equity; new markets tax credit equity; capital

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markets and investment management; asset management; public policy advocacy; technical assistance; grants.

Resource: National



Farm Labor Housing Direct Loans & Grants

Quick summary: Grants and low-interest loans to construct or improve housing for domestic farmworkers

Keywords: Housing grants & loans, Farmworker housing, Tribal grants & loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: (360) 704-7740, For local office, see <https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices/wa>

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/farm-labor-housing-direct-loans-grants/wa>

Purpose: Provide affordable financing to develop housing for year-round and migrant or seasonal domestic farm laborers

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: loans and grants based on need, not to exceed 90% of project cost. Qualified applicants that cannot obtain commercial credit on terms that will allow them to charge rents that are affordable to low-income tenants. Borrowers must have sufficient qualifications and experience to develop and operate the project. Qualified applicants include: farmers, associations of farmers and family farm corporations, associations of farmworkers, nonprofit organizations, local governments, federally-recognized tribes.

Application process: Two-phase application process: (1) pre-applications accepted on an annual basis through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in the Federal Register and on [Grants.gov](https://www.usda.gov/grants); (2) selected pre-applications are invited to submit final applications.

Availability of funds: FLH Loan (514): \$20,338,000; FLH Grant (516): \$6,336,000

How funds are to be used: Construction, improvement, repair and purchase of housing for domestic farm laborers is the primary objective of this program.

Resource: National



HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)

Quick summary: Funds to nonprofits, local governments and housing authorities to provide rental assistance and utility deposits to people who are homeless or very low income.

Keywords: Housing, Housing services, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Matt Mazur-Hart, Commerce TBRA Program Manager, 360-725-2926, matt.mazur-hart@commerce.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/tenant-based-rental-assistance-tbra/>

Purpose: Provide funds to nonprofits, local governments and housing authorities so that people who are homeless or have very low incomes are able to live in a neighborhood of their choosing, at a price they can afford.

Type of organization: Government

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Who is eligible: Nonprofits, local governments and housing authorities. Eligible households must have incomes that do not exceed 50 percent of the median household income for their area, according to the published income limits by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Application process: See HUD's [TBRA website](#) for HOME program forms.

Availability of funds: Rental and deposit assistance is delivered through housing authorities, community action agencies, and local governments that collaborate with other local service providers to provide a wide variety of support services.

Types of assistance: Tenant-based rent assistance; security deposits; utility deposits.

Geo areas served: Washington state, except the TBRA program is not available in: Clark, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Thurston, Snohomish, or Spokane counties. However, those counties may have another TBRA program available.

Resource: State



HOPE VI Main Street Program

Quick summary: Grants for jurisdictions with a Main Street project to create related affordable housing

Keywords: Economic development, Housing grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Contact: HUD Information Resource Center 1-800-955-2232

Website URL:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/hope6/grants/mainstreet

Purpose: Rejuvenate older, downtown business districts while retaining the area's traditional and historic character by assisting smaller communities in developing affordable housing in connection with a Main Street revitalization effort.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Local government that has an existing Main Street rejuvenation project, a population of 50,000 or less and 100 or fewer public housing units within its jurisdiction.

Application process: Competitive grant opportunity through a Notice of Funding Availability published in the Federal Register and on <http://www.Grants.gov>. See above website.

How funds are to be used: Build new affordable housing, or reconfigure obsolete or surplus commercial space (or extremely substandard, vacant housing) into affordable housing units.

Resource: National



Housing and Essential Needs (HEN)

Quick summary: Non-cash housing and essential needs items for low-income adults with short-term disability

Keywords: Consumer assistance, Housing services

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Contact: [Local](#) Community Services Office, or 1-877-501-2233

Website URL: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/housing-and-essential-needs>

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Purpose: Provide non-cash housing and essential needs items for low-income adults who are unable to work for at least 90 days due to a physical or mental incapacity and are ineligible for Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) cash assistance.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Eligibility determined through a network of local homeless and housing providers.

Application process: Apply for Medical Care Services [online](#) or at your [local](#) Community Services Office.

How funds are to be used: Limited rent and utilities, personal health and hygiene items, cleaning supplies, or transportation.

Types of assistance: Housing and Essential Needs does **not** provide a monthly cash grant.

Resource: State



Housing Assistance Council (HAC)

Quick summary: Loans to develop affordable housing for low-income rural residents

Keywords: Housing loans, Farmworker housing loans, Self-help, Tribal loans

Agency/Organization: Housing Assistance Council

Contact: 1025 Vermont Ave., Ste. 606, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 842-8600, hac@ruralhome.org

Website URL: <http://www.ruralhome.org>

Purpose: Improve housing conditions for the rural poor, emphasizing local solutions, empowerment of people in poverty, reduced dependence, and self-help strategies. Assist in the development of single- and multi-family homes and promote homeownership for working, low-income, rural families through self-help construction.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: Small nonprofit developers, for-profits and government housing agencies developing affordable housing for low-income rural residents. Special focus areas include Indian country and farmworker housing. (Geographic focus areas not related to Pacific Northwest.)

Availability of funds: Short-term, low-interest predevelopment loans and other forms of financing to create of affordable homes, and water and sewer connections.

How funds are to be used: Predevelopment, acquisition, construction, preservation, and self-help housing. Also for installing or repairing rural water and wastewater systems, and leveraging private low-interest construction loans from banks and other resources.

Resource: National



Housing Preservation and Revitalization Demonstration Loans and Grants

Quick summary: Grants and loans to preserve the availability of affordable rental housing for low income residents

Keywords: Housing grants & loans, Housing preservation grants & loans, Farmworker housing, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Mary Traxler, Multi-Family Housing Programs, (360) 704-7725, mary.traxler@wa.usda.gov

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Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/housing-preservation-revitalization-demonstration-loans-grants/wa>

Purpose: Restructures loans for existing Rural Rental Housing and Off-Farm Labor Housing projects to help improve and preserve the availability of safe, affordable rental housing for low income residents.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Current multi-family housing project owners with Rural Rental Housing and Off-Farm Labor Housing loans. Borrowers must continue to provide affordable rental housing for 20 years or the remaining term of any USDA loan, whichever is later. Grants are limited to nonprofit applicants.

Application process: Two-phase application process: (1) pre-application accepted on an annual basis through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in the Federal Register and on Grants.gov; (2) selected pre-applications are invited to submit final applications.

How funds are to be used: Preserve and improve existing Rural Rental Housing and Off-Farm Labor Housing projects in order to extend their affordable use without displacing tenants through increased rents. A third party Capital Needs Assessment (CNA) will help identify project needs.

Resource: National



Housing Preservation Grants

Quick summary: Grants to organizations to repair or preserve low-income housing

Keywords: Housing grants & loans, Low-income & underserved, Tribal grants & loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Mary Traxler, Multi-Family Housing Programs, (360) 704-7725, mary.traxler@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/housing-preservation-grants/wa>

Purpose: Provide grants and low-interest loans to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of housing occupied by low- and very-low-income people.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, federally-recognized tribes. individual homeowners are not eligible. Additional requirements include: Applicants must have the necessary background and experience with proven ability to perform repair and rehabilitation of low-income housing. Applicants are required to make quarterly progress reports and a final audit on their accomplishments.

Application process: Applications are accepted on an annual basis through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in the Federal Register and on Grants.gov.

How funds are to be used: Applicants provide grants or low-interest loans to repair or rehabilitate housing for low- and very-low-income homeowners. Rental property owners may also receive assistance if they agree to make units available to low- and very-low-income families. Expenses may include repair or replacement of roofs, heating systems, electrical systems, water systems; handicap accessibility features; labor and materials; administrative expenses.

Resource: National



HUD Funding Opportunities

Quick summary: Grants to provide affordable housing, healthy homes, and community development.

Keywords: Housing conditions, Housing grants, Housing preservation grants, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Contact: General HUD grants information: (202) 708-0667 (Washington, DC), or HUD Information Resource Center 1-800-955-2232

Website URL:

https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopp
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Purpose: Funding to support HUD initiatives, including Affordable Housing Development and Preservation, Community and Economic Development, Environment and Energy, Fair Housing, Homelessness, Homeownership, Rental Assistance, and Supportive Housing and Services. Grants for 2017 include: Capacity Building, Healthy Homes, Lead Hazard Reduction, and Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Varies by program.

Application process: Competitive grants announced in the Federal Register and on Grants.gov. See list for current year on website.

Resource: National



Impact Capital

Quick summary: Flexible loans and grants for affordable housing and essential facilities for underserved communities

Keywords: Education grants & loans, Economic development grants & loans, Housing grants & loans, Technical assistance

Agency/Organization: Impact Capital

Contact: Impact Capital, 701 Pike Street, Suite #1645, Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 587-3200, (800) 336-0679

Website URL: <http://www.impactcapital.org/about/>

Purpose: Provide creative financing and hands-on guidance to help nonprofits develop affordable housing and essential facilities in low- and moderate-income communities, and to create sustainable and equitable communities in underserved Pacific Northwest neighborhoods.

Type of organization: Nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)

Who is eligible: Nonprofit community development organizations, housing authorities, charter schools, and tribal entities that serve marginalized communities in Washington state and the Portland, OR, metro area.; also

Availability of funds: Raise capital from banks and foundations to provide flexible loans and grants.

How funds are to be used: Develop affordable housing, cultural and community centers, retail districts, schools and childcare centers, and job training facilities.

Types of assistance: Flexible loans, grants, and technical assistance.

Resource: State



Land Acquisition Program (LAP)

Quick summary: Low-interest loans to help nonprofits purchase land and preserve it for development of affordable housing (rental and homeownership). Organizations have five years to begin development. Housing must remain affordable for at least 30 years.

Keywords: Housing loans

Agency/Organization: Washington State Housing Finance Commission (WSHFC)

Contact: Jason Hennigan, Jason.Hennigan@wshfc.org, or Dan Schilling, Dan.Schilling@wshfc.org, 1000 Second Avenue, Suite 2700, Seattle, WA 98104-3601, 1-800-767-4663

Website URL: <http://www.wshfc.org/mhcf/lap/index.htm>

Purpose: Allow nonprofit organizations in Washington state to purchase land as it becomes available on the market, then take the necessary time to assemble financing for construction.

Who is eligible: Nonprofit borrowers who demonstrate sound experience, strong development and financial capacity. Selection criteria include: suitable site for affordable housing; urgency to acquire site for affordable housing; leveraging of other fund sources; and balance of need and geographic distribution.

Application process: See http://www.wshfc.org/mhcf/lap/ProgramDesc_Application.pdf for application details. Projects considered upon availability of funds and urgency of the submitted proposals.

How funds are to be used: LAP projects are expected to begin construction in year 4–6 and place in service before year 8.

Resource: State



Mobile and Manufactured Home Relocation Assistance

Quick summary: Financial assistance to households displaced by mobile home park closures

Keywords: Consumer assistance, Financial services, Housing, Low-income & underserved, Mobile homes

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Commerce/Office of Mobile and Manufactured Home Relocation Assistance, PO Box 42525, Olympia, WA 98504-2525, 1-800-964-0852

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/housing/mobile-home-relocation-assistance/>

Purpose: Provide financial assistance to households displaced by mobile home park closures.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Owners of manufactured or mobile homes residing in that home and who are living in a park in Washington state that is closing.

Application process: Application is online.

Availability of funds: Reimburses eligible applicants for actual expenses up to \$7,500 for a one-section or \$12,000 for a multi-section home.

Types of assistance: Financial reimbursement, problem-solving assistance, local resource referral.

Resource: State



Multi-Family Housing Direct Loans

Quick summary: Loans for multi-family housing for low-income families, and elderly and disabled individuals in rural areas

Keywords: Housing loans, Low-income & underserved, Tribal loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Mary Traxler, Multi-Family Housing Programs, (360) 704-7725, mary.traxler@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/multi-family-housing-direct-loans/wa>

Purpose: Provide competitive financing for affordable multi-family rental housing for low-income, elderly, or disabled individuals and families in eligible rural areas.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Qualified applicants who cannot obtain commercial credit on terms that will allow them to charge rents that are affordable to low-income tenants. Qualified applicants include: Individuals, trusts, associations, partnerships, limited partnerships, nonprofit organizations, for-profit corporations and consumer cooperatives; most state and local governmental entities; and federally-recognized tribes. Eligible housing tenants are very-low income to moderate-income families or individuals, people aged 62 or older, and people with disabilities.

Application process: Applications accepted on an annual basis through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process. NOFA is posted in the Federal Register and on Grants.gov.

How funds are to be used: Construction, improvement and purchase of multi-family rental housing for low-income families, the elderly and disabled individuals.

Resource: State, Regional or National



Multi-Family Housing Loan Guarantees

Quick summary: Loan guarantee for lender to finance multi-family housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families in rural areas

Keywords: Housing loans, Low-income & underserved, Tribal loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Mary Traxler, Multi-Family Housing Programs, (360) 704-7725, mary.traxler@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/multi-family-housing-loan-guarantees>

Purpose: Assist qualified private-sector lenders to provide financing to qualified borrowers to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families in eligible rural areas and towns.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Private lenders may apply for a loan guarantee on loans made to an eligible borrower who is unable to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms without the guarantee. Eligible lenders must be approved and active in one of the following programs: Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Ginnie Mae, HUD, Federal Home Loan Bank members, state or local housing finance agencies. Eligible borrowers include: Most state and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations, including LLCs, and federally-recognized tribes. Eligible areas include rural areas and towns with 35,000 or fewer people, and federally-recognized tribal lands.

Requirements for the housing include: Rent for individual units is capped at 30% of 115% area median income. Average rent for an entire project (including tenant paid utilities) cannot exceed 30% of 100%

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of area medium income, adjusted for family size. Complexes must consist of at least five units that are detached, semi-detached, row houses or multi-family structures.

Application process: Applications for this program are accepted on an annual basis. A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is posted in the Federal Register and on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

How funds are to be used: Construct, improve and purchase multi-family rental housing for low to moderate income families and individuals. Funding may also be available for buying and improving land, as well as providing necessary infrastructure.

Resource: National



Multi-Family Housing Rental Assistance in Washington

Quick summary: Rent payments on behalf of low- or very-low-income tenants in new or existing Rural Rental Housing and Farm Labor Housing

Keywords: Housing assistance, Low-income & underserved, Farmworker housing

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Mary Traxler, Multi-Family Housing Programs, (360) 704-7725, mary.traxler@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/multi-family-housing-rental-assistance/wa>

Purpose: Provide payments to owners of USDA-financed Rural Rental Housing or Farm Labor Housing projects on behalf of low-income or very-low-income tenants unable to pay their full rent.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Only owners of apartments in new or existing Rural Rental Housing and Farm Labor Housing financed properties. Projects must be nonprofit or limited profit.

Application process: Rental Assistance is coupled with an application for new construction financing under the Rural Rental Housing or Farm Labor Housing programs. Apply with the contact person above.

How funds are to be used: Payments are made on behalf of tenants and become part of the property's income, which pays operational expenses.

Resource: National



Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grants

Quick summary: Grants to organizations sponsoring mutual self-help housing projects in rural areas

Keywords: Housing grants, Self-help, Low-income & underserved, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Mary Traxler, Multi-Family Housing Programs, (360) 704-7725, mary.traxler@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/mutual-self-help-housing-technical-assistance-grants/wa>

Purpose: Provide grants to help qualified organizations carry out self-help housing construction projects in rural areas. Grant recipients supervise groups of very-low- and low-income individuals and families as they construct their own homes. Group members provide most of the construction labor on each other's homes, with technical assistance from the organization overseeing the project.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Government and private nonprofit organizations, federally-recognized tribes

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Application process: Applications for this program are accepted through our local offices year round.

How funds are to be used: Give technical and supervisory assistance to participating families. Help other organizations provide self-help technical and supervisory assistance. Recruit families, help them complete loan applications and carry out other related activities that enable them to participate.

Resource: National



Rural Housing Site Loans

Quick summary: Loans to purchase/develop rural housing sites for low- and moderate-income families

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Keywords: Housing loans, Low-income & underserved, Tribal loans

Contact: Trudy Teter, Director, Single Family Housing Programs, (360) 704-7731, trudy.teter@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-housing-site-loans/wa>

Purpose: Provide two types of loans to purchase and develop housing sites for low- and moderate-income families in rural areas.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: *Section 523 loans:* Private or public nonprofit organizations that will provide sites solely for self-help housing. *Section 524 loans:* Private or public nonprofit organizations who will sell the building site to low- or moderate-income families who use USDA's Housing and Community Facilities Program's (HCFP) loan programs, or other mortgage financing programs for low- and moderate-income families. Also, nonprofits with legal authority to operate a revolving loan fund; federally-recognized tribes.

Application process: Applications accepted year-round.

How funds are to be used: Financing for purchase and development of rural housing sites for low- and moderate-income families.

Resource: National



Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)

Quick summary: Grants for nonprofits to develop self-help homeownership sites

Keywords: Homeownership, Housing grants, Low-income & underserved, Self-help

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Contact: 1-877-787-2526 or 202-708-2290, or HUD Information Resource Center 1-800-955-2232

Website URL: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/shop/>

Purpose: Purchase home sites and develop or improve infrastructure needed for self-help and volunteer-based homeownership programs for low-income persons and families.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: National and regional nonprofit organizations or consortia with experience in using homebuyer and volunteer labor to build housing, and who have completed at least 30 units of self-help homeownership housing within the last 24 months. Homebuyers must be low-income persons

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and families who otherwise would not become homeowners, must apply through a [current SHOP grantee](#) or affiliate, and be willing to contribute significant amounts of their own sweat equity toward construction/rehabilitation of their home.

Application process: Competitive grant process through a Notice of Funding Availability published in the Federal Register and on www.grants.gov. See above website.

How funds are to be used: Land acquisition, infrastructure improvements, and administrative costs.

Resource: National



Sustainable Energy Trust (SET) Program

Quick summary: Low-interest loans for energy-efficiency or renewable energy projects

Keywords: Housing loans, Energy efficiency loans

Agency/Organization: Washington State Housing Finance Commission (WSHFC)

Contact: Juliana Williams, 206-254-5359, juliana.williams@wshfc.org or David Clifton, 206-287-4407, david.clifton@wshfc.org, 1000 Second Avenue, Suite 2700, Seattle, WA 98104-3601, 206-464-7139 or 800-767-4663

Website URL: <http://www.wshfc.org/energy/index.htm>

Purpose: Financing to affordably develop energy-efficient buildings, upgrade existing buildings, and create or conserve energy.

Who is eligible: Developers of high-efficiency new homes; owners of existing multifamily housing; owners of nonprofit facilities; developers and property owners seeking to implement clean/renewable energy.

Application process: Contact staff listed above.

Availability of funds: Financing of up to \$1 million at favorable interest rates (subject to underwriting).

How funds are to be used: *New Construction of High Efficiency Single-Family Homes:* Construction loans are available to housing developers for projects that exceed Washington State Energy Code by at least 15 percent. (Not for individuals financing their own homes.) *Energy and Water Efficiency Upgrades for Multifamily Housing and Nonprofit Facilities:* Projects must reduce utility consumption by at least 10 percent for existing buildings. *Clean Energy Projects:* Projects such as wind, solar (including community solar models), biodigesters, biomass, combined heat and power or other clean energy technologies.

Types of assistance: Loans and financial help

Resource: State



Veteran Housing Grants Program

Quick summary: Grants to build or repair veterans housing

Keywords: Housing grants, Philanthropy, Veterans grants

Agency/Organization: Home Depot Foundation, The

Contact: HD_Foundation@homedepot.com

Website URL: <https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/veteran-housing-grants>

Purpose: Support the development and repair of veterans housing.

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Who is eligible: Nonprofit organizations in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service at least 5 years, with current operating budget of at least \$300,000, and previous experience developing, and either currently manage or own, veteran-specific housing. For rental projects, nonprofit must have a 15+ year ownership stake in the development.

Application process: Complete online eligibility questionnaire, and, if project is eligible, submit grant proposal online; three grant cycles per year.

Availability of funds: Up to \$20,000 per veteran unit for multifamily rental units; grants range from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

How funds are to be used: Physical construction of new, rehab/repair, single-family or multifamily, permanent supportive housing or transitional housing for veterans.

Resource: National



Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Quick summary: Coalition advocating for safe and affordable homes for all Washington residents

Keywords: Housing, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Contact: 1411 Fourth Ave Ste 850, Seattle WA 98101, 206.442.9455

Website URL: <http://wliha.org/about-us/overview>

Purpose: Lead the movement to ensure that all Washington residents thrive in safe, healthy, affordable homes in thriving communities; serve as a coalition of diverse organizations and individuals fighting for an affordable home for everyone in Washington.

Type or organization: Nonprofit

Application process: Apply for membership online. Webpage also lists organizations that help individuals find affordable housing—see <http://wliha.org/resources/find-affordable-housing>.

Types of assistance: Advocacy, education and organizing.

Resource: State



Washington State Housing Finance Commission (WSHFC)

Quick summary: Loans, financing, and homebuyer education to increase housing access, affordability, and energy efficiency

Keywords: Agriculture loans, Energy efficiency loans, Housing loans, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: Washington State Housing Finance Commission (WSHFC)

Contact: Homeownership: AskUsHo@wshfc.org; Multifamily Housing and Community Facilities: AskUsMHCF@wshfc.org; other programs see specific entries elsewhere in resource guide; 1000 Second Avenue, Suite 2700, Seattle, WA 98104-3601, 206-464-7139, 1-800-767-4663 (HOME)

Website URL: <http://wshfc.org/>

Purpose: Work to increase housing access and affordability, and to expand the availability of quality community services for the people of Washington. Programs include the following. Homeownership— mortgage loans, down payment and closing-costs loans, free homebuyer education seminars, and free foreclosure counseling. Multifamily— bonds and tax credit financing to develop or preserve affordable rental housing. Sustainable Energy— financing for energy efficient construction and upgrades. Land Acquisition— financing to help nonprofits acquire sites for affordable housing.

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Nonprofit Facilities— financing to help nonprofits buy, build, improve or refinance their facilities.
Beginning Farmer/Rancher— low-interest loans for land, equipment, buildings and animals.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Varies by program.

Application process: Varies by program, see above website.

Resource: State



Washington State Housing Trust Fund, The

Quick summary: Funds for local governments, housing authorities and nonprofits to build or rehabilitate low-income housing, or offer self-help or down-payment assistance

Keywords: Housing, Housing services, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Corina Grigoras, Managing Director, 360-725-4134, Corina.Grigoras@commerce.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/housing/housing-trust-fund/>

Purpose: Make funds available for affordable housing projects.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Local governments, local housing authorities, regional support networks, nonprofit community or neighborhood-based organizations, federally recognized Indian tribes in the state of Washington, and regional or state-wide nonprofit housing assistance organizations. Projects can serve people with incomes up to 80% of Area Median Income (AMI), but the majority of projects funded to date serve households with special needs or incomes below 30% AMI, including homeless families, seniors, farmworkers, and people with developmental disabilities.

Application process: Competitive funding process. Apply online.

Availability of funds: \$3 billion leveraged from other private and public resources.

Types of assistance: Funds for new construction of affordable housing; acquisition and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing; self-help housing; and down payment assistance.

Resource: State



Washington Youth & Families Fund

Quick summary: Grants for nonprofits providing supportive services and stable housing to families experiencing homelessness

Keywords: Family services grants, Housing services grants, Low-income & underserved grants, Youth grants

Agency/Organization: Building Changes

Contact: Christena Coutsoubos (Director), christena@buildingchanges.org, (206) 805-6119

Website URL: www.buildingchanges.org/grants-capacity-building/washington-youth-families-fund

Purpose: Provide a reliable, long-term source of funding for supportive services and stable housing to families experiencing homelessness, resulting in greater self sufficiency.

Type of organization: Government and philanthropy

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Who is eligible: Nonprofit organizations that provide services in conjunction with housing, including: comprehensive and individual case management, referrals to mental health and substance abuse treatment, living skills training, parenting, education, childcare and transportation assistance.

Application process: Please contact us for more information

Availability of funds: Leverages more than \$14 million in private and philanthropic funds.

Resource: State



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Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services of Western Washington

Quick summary: Housing and support services for vulnerable people in Western Washington

Keywords: Elderly/seniors, Housing, Housing services, Low-income & underserved, Persons with disabilities

Agency/Organization: Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services

Contact: 100 23rd Avenue S, Seattle, WA 98144, (206) 328-5696

Website URL: http://www.ccsww.org/site/PageServer?pagename=housing_index

Purpose: Provide a continuum of care for some of the most vulnerable populations, in partnership with local, state and federal government agencies, public funders and private lenders, and dedicated staff and volunteers. Provide 22 shelters, 17 transitional housing facilities and 52 permanent housing properties in Western Washington, along with resident support services.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: Low-income individuals, families, seniors, and persons with special physical and mental needs who need a clean and safe place to live.

Application process: For application process, criteria and waiting list, contact program director/staff of properties of interest. See list of locations and contact numbers on website .

Geo area served: Western Washington

Resource: Regional



Catholic Housing Communities

Quick summary: Housing and support services for vulnerable people in seven Eastern Washington counties

Keywords: Elderly/seniors, Housing, Housing services, Low-income & underserved, Persons with disabilities

Agency/Organization: Catholic Charities Spokane

Contact: Catholic Housing Communities, P.O. Box 2253, Spokane, WA 99210-2253, (509) 358-4250 ext. 6183, chc@ccspokane.org

Website URL: <https://www.catholiccharitiesspokane.org/housing>

Purpose: Sponsor service-enriched apartment homes for seniors, persons with disabilities and families.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

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Who is eligible: Low-income individuals, families, seniors, and persons with special physical and mental needs who need a clean and safe place to live.

Application process: For application process, criteria and waiting list, apply online for a specific property at <https://www.catholiccharitiesspokane.org/how-to-apply>.

Geo areas served: Spokane, Stevens, Whitman, Asotin, Walla Walla, Franklin and Adams counties.

Resource: Regional



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Circuit Rider Program - Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems

Quick summary: Provide onsite technical assistance to rural water and wastewater utilities

Keywords: Infrastructure, Technical assistance, Water systems

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: 1-800-670-6553

Website URL: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/circuit-rider-program-technical-assistance-rural-water-systems>

Purpose: Provide technical assistance to rural water systems having day-to-day operation, financial or management issues through water and wastewater Circuit Riders who work onsite with utility system personnel.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Rural Utilities Service or Rural Utilities Service staff may request assistance on behalf of the system.

Application process: Contact USDA at above toll-free number or state [National Rural Water Association](#) affiliate.

Types of assistance: Onsite technical assistance in managing issues related to operations of rural water systems. NRWA State Affiliates provide the technical assistance in their states.

Resource: National



Community Connect Grants

Quick summary: Grants to support developing broadband service for residences, businesses and community facilities and to provide that service free to community facilities for two years

Keywords: Broadband, Infrastructure grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Keith Adams, Assistant Administrator, Telecom Program, (202) 720-9556, Keith.Adams@wdc.usda.gov; or call (202) 720-0800, community.connect@wdc.usda.gov.

Website URL: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants> Part of Rural Development Telecommunications program: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs>

Purpose: Help fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Most state and local governments, federally-recognized Tribes, nonprofits, for-profit corporations providing service for rural areas that lack any broadband speed of at least 4 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream.

Application process: See website for application form and guidance documents.

How funds are to be used: Construct, acquire or lease facilities, spectrum, land or buildings to deploy broadband service for: all residential and business customers in a Proposed Funded Service Area,

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along with participating critical community facilities (e.g., public schools, fire stations, public libraries); and to support the cost of providing broadband service free of charge to the critical community facilities for 2 years. Less than 10% of the grant amount or up to \$150,000 may be used to improve, expand, construct or acquire a community center that provides online access to the public.

Resource: National



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Quick summary: Grants for projects to improve economic and physical environment for low- and moderate-income rural residents

Keywords: Economic development grants, Housing grants, Infrastructure grants, Small business & entrepreneurs grants

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Kaaren Roe, Program Manager, 360-725-3018, kaaren.roe@commerce.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/current-opportunities/community-development-block-grants/>

Purpose: Improve the economic, social and physical environment of eligible, rural cities and counties to enhance quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents, thereby strengthening the entire community.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Small, rural cities/towns and counties that are not eligible to receive federal CDBG funds; cities or towns with fewer than 50,000 people not participating in a CDBG program; counties with fewer than 200,000 people.

Application process: Annual competitive application process. See forms online.

Availability of funds: Maximum grant amounts: \$750,000 for construction and acquisition, \$500,000 for local housing rehabilitation, \$250,000 for local microenterprise assistance, \$24,000 for planning-only activities.

How funds are to be used: Wide range of projects that benefit low- and moderate-income residents, including: sewer, water, streets/sidewalks and other infrastructure; community facilities; economic development, local micro-enterprise assistance programs; housing rehabilitation, infrastructure in support of affordable housing; planning; and public services.

Resource: State



Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)

Quick summary: Loans and grants for public infrastructure that supports private business growth and expansion

Keywords: Economic development grants & loans, Infrastructure grants & loans, Tribal grants & loans

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Janea Eddy Delk, CERB Program Director & Tribal Liaison, 360-725-3151, janea.eddy@commerce.wa.gov

Website URL: www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/community-economic-revitalization-board/

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Purpose: Provide funding to local governments and federally-recognized tribes for public infrastructure that supports private business growth and expansion. Three programs: Committed Private Partner, Planning, and Prospective Development.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Counties, cities, towns, port districts, special districts, federally-recognized tribes, Municipal and quasi-municipal corporations with economic development purposes. For the Private Partner Program, rural areas may submit projects without a committed private partner. Prospective Development Program is for rural counties and communities.

Application process: (Note: On hold in 2017 until Legislature passes a capital budget.) Apply online, year-round. Board meets six times a year.

Availability of funds: Loans; grants in some cases. Some match requirements.

How funds are to be used: Eligible projects include: domestic and industrial water, storm water, wastewater, public buildings, telecommunications, and port facilities, for acquisition, construction, repair, reconstruction, replacement, rehabilitation.

Resource: State



Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

Quick summary: Loans, loan guarantees and grants to develop or improve rural community facilities

Keywords: Community facilities grants & loans, Hospitals grants, Infrastructure grants & loans, Tribal grants & loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Peter McMillin, Director, (360) 704-7737, peter.mcmillin@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

Purpose: Provide affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An “essential community facility” provides an essential service to the local community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. Examples are hospitals, town halls, child care facilities, schools and museums.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Public bodies, nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribes in rural areas of note more than 20,000 residents.

Application process: Applications are accepted year-round through the local Rural Development office in a competitive process.

How funds are to be used: To purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

Resource: National



Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program

Quick summary: Loan guarantees to build community facilities in rural areas

Keywords: Community facilities loans, Infrastructure, Tribal programs

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Peter McMillin, Director, (360) 704-7737, peter.mcmillin@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-guaranteed-loan-program/wa>

Purpose: Provide loan guarantees to eligible private lenders to help build essential community facilities in rural areas. An “essential community facility” provides an essential service to the local community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Private lenders may apply for a loan guarantee on loans made to an eligible borrower that is unable to obtain the needed commercial credit on reasonable terms without the guarantee. Eligible borrowers include: public bodies, community-based nonprofits, federally-recognized tribes located in rural areas with no more than 20,000 residents.

Application process: Applications accepted year round; see website. Lenders should contact the local RD office; borrowers should ask your private lender if they participate in USDA Loan Guarantee Programs.

Availability of funds: Maximum guarantee is 90% of the eligible loan.

How funds are to be used: Purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities; purchase equipment; and pay related project expenses.

Resource: National



Community Facility Loan

Quick summary: Loans to develop and improve essential community facilities in rural areas.

Keywords: Community facilities loans, Housing loans, Infrastructure loans

Agency/Organization: Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Contact: 3120 Freeboard Drive, Suite 201 – 2nd Floor West, Sacramento, CA 95691, (916) 447-2854, loan_fund@rcac.org

Website URL: <http://www.rcac.org/lending/community-facility-loans/>

Purpose: Loans to develop and improve essential community facilities in the rural West, including short-term loans for early property acquisition and predevelopment, interim construction costs and long-term permanent financing.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: Nonprofit organizations, public agencies, Tribal governments, for projects located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less. Community size is limited to 10,000 for long-term USDA guaranteed loans and short-term loans for which USDA is the long-term lender.

Application process: Complete application found online and submit loan officer serving your state. Projects project using green-build methods and materials may qualify for priority in loan application processing.

Availability of funds: Normally not more than \$10,000.

How funds are to be used: Facilities include public and nonprofit office buildings, treatment centers, emergency and transitional housing, assisted living, human services, public safety, child care, education and cultural facilities, among others.

Resource: National



Community Impact Grants Program

Quick summary: Gift card grants to support volunteer-powered projects to improve homes and community facilities

Keywords: Housing grants, Infrastructure grants, Philanthropy, Veterans, Volunteers

Agency/Organization: Home Depot Foundation, The

Contact: small_grants@homedepot.com

Website URL: <https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>

Purpose: Provide support to U.S. nonprofit organizations and public service agencies using the power of volunteers to support renovation, refurbishment, retrofitting, accessibility modifications, and/or weatherization of existing homes, centers, schools and other facilities in their community.

Type of organization: Corporate Foundation

Who is eligible: Tax-exempt U.S. nonprofits and public service agencies (e.g., Police/Fire Departments) in existence for at least one year and requesting funds to support work completed by community volunteers, and to be completed within six months. Priority for veterans. Organizations who previously received this funding must wait 12 months before applying for additional grants.

Application process: Application on website.

How funds are to be used: Purchase of tools, materials, or services at Home Depot.

Types of assistance: Grant, up to \$5,000, solely in the form of The Home Depot gift card.

Resource: National



Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Quick summary: Grants and loans for drinking water systems in smaller jurisdictions.

Keywords: Emergency response loans, Infrastructure grants & loans, Water systems grants & loans

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Health (DOH)

Contact: Tracie Cantrell, 360-236-3107, DWSRF@DOH.WA.GOV

Website URL:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/DrinkingWater/WaterSystemAssistance/DrinkingWaterStateRevolvingFundDWSRF>

Purpose: Provide grants and loans for drinking water systems in smaller jurisdictions. Programs: Consolidation Grant; Pre-Construction Loan; Pre-Construction Grant; Construction Loan; Emergency Loan.

Who is eligible: Cities, towns, and special purpose district water systems with fewer than 10,000 people.

Application process: Annual basis, see website; paper applications also accepted.

Availability of funds: Varies by funding cycle.

How funds are to be used: Water system plans and plan amendments, SWSMP, feasibility studies, engineering and design, historic and cultural review, environmental review, consolidation of water systems, drinking water programs to increase public health, assistance to communities experiencing loss of water systems due to an emergency.

Resource: State



Economic Impact Initiative Grants

Quick summary: Grants to construct essential community facilities in rural areas

Keywords: Community facilities, Infrastructure grants, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Peter McMillin, Director, Rural Business Cooperative Service (360) 704-7737, or 1-800-670-6553, peter.mcmillin@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/economic-impact-initiative-grants>

Purpose: Provide funding to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural communities with extreme unemployment and severe economic depression. An “essential community facility” provides an essential service to the local community, serves a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. These improvements save tax dollars, improve the natural environment and increase economic development by making the area more attractive to manufacturers and other types of businesses.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Public bodies, nonprofits, and federally-recognized tribes in rural areas with no more than 20,000 residents that have a “Not Employed Rate” greater than 19.5%. The median household income of a community being served must be below 90% of the state non-metropolitan median household income for grant eligibility.

Application process: Applications accepted through your local office year-round. See website for forms and guidance.

Availability of funds: Grants up to 75% of eligible project cost based on need and funding availability. Grant assistance is based on a graduated scale determined by population, median household income, total project costs and financial need.

How funds are to be used: To construct, enlarge or improve community facilities for health care, public safety and public service. Grants may be made in combination with other financial assistance such as a Community Facilities direct or guaranteed loan, applicant contribution or funding from other sources

Resource: National



Energy Efficiency and Solar Grants

Quick summary: Grants to public agencies for energy efficiency and solar projects

Keywords: Economic development grants, Infrastructure grants

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Pat Gibbon Program Manager, 360-725-3023, patricia.gibbon@commerce.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/energy-efficiency-and-solar-grants/>

Purpose: Help stimulate Washington's economy by creating jobs and reducing energy and water costs at state and local government facilities, and promote use of Washington-manufactured solar products, including solar modules and inverters.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Include state public higher education institutions, local government facilities, state agencies, and K-12 public school districts.

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Application process: (Note: Grants on hold in 2017 due to lack of a 2017-19 biennium Capital Budget.)

How funds are to be used: Focus is on the best projects possible to increase energy and cost savings in the publicly-built environment.

Types of assistance: Total of approximately \$25 million in energy efficiency and solar grants.

Resource: State



Environmental Infrastructure Loan

Quick summary: Loans to finance rural water and waste facility projects, including feasibility and predevelopment

Keywords: Infrastructure loans, Tribal loans, Water loans, Waste management loans

Agency/Organization: Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Contact: 3120 Freeboard Drive, Suite 201 – 2nd Floor West, Sacramento, CA 95691, (916) 447-2854, loan_fund@rcac.org. Loan officer for WA: Chuck Miller, (360) 253-7683, Cell: (360) 558-2307, cmiller@rcac.org

Website URL: <http://www.rcac.org/lending/environmental-loans/>

Purpose: Loans to finance water and waste facility projects, providing early funds small rural communities need to determine project feasibility and to pay predevelopment costs prior to receiving state and federal funding. Also includes construction loans and intermediate term loans.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: Nonprofit organizations, public agencies, Tribal governments, for projects located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less. Community size is limited to 10,000 for long-term USDA guaranteed loans and short-term loans for which USDA is the long-term lender.

Application process: See [program website](#).

Resource: National



E-Rate Program (Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Program)

Quick summary: Broadband connections for schools and libraries

Keywords: Education, Libraries & museums, Infrastructure, Broadband, Internet access

Agency/Organization: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Contact: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554; program processed through Universal Service Administrative Company, rhc-assist@usac.org, 1-800-453-1546

Website URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/general/e-rate-schools-libraries-usf-program>

Purpose: Helps schools and libraries obtain affordable broadband (internet and telecommunications) by providing discounts of 20 percent to 90 percent.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: See listing of eligibility criteria online.

Application process: See link to applications online.

Availability of funds: Funding may be requested under two categories of service: category one services to a school or library, and category two services that deliver Internet access within schools and libraries

Resource: National



Farm Bill Broadband Loans & Loan Guarantees

Quick summary: Loans to construct or improve facilities to provide broadband service in underserved rural areas

Keywords: Broadband, Infrastructure loans, Tribal loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Peter McMillin, Director, (360) 704-7737, peter.mcmillin@wa.usda.gov, or contact the General Field Representative who serves your area

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/farm-bill-broadband-loans-loan-guarantees>
Part of Rural Development Telecommunications program: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs>

Purpose: Furnishes loans and loan guarantees to fund the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed in eligible rural areas.

Who is eligible: Nonprofit or for-profit organizations, local unit of government, Indian tribe or tribal organization. Individuals and partnerships are not eligible. Proposed funded service areas must be completely within a rural area or composed of multiple rural areas, with least 15 percent of the area households unserved.

Application process: Competitive funding process announced through a Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA). See the website.

How funds are to be used: The construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities or cost of leasing facilities required to provide service at the broadband lending speed, including facilities required for providing other services through the same facilities.

Resource: National



Healthcare Connect Fund

Quick summary: Broadband connections for rural health care providers

Keywords: Health care providers, Broadband, Internet access

Agency/Organization: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Contact: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554; program processed through Universal Service Administrative Company, rhc-assist@usac.org, 1-800-453-1546

Website URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/general/rural-health-care-program#HCF>

Purpose: Provides support for high-capacity broadband connectivity to public and not-for-profit health care providers mainly in rural areas, and encourages the formation of state and regional broadband HCP networks. Part of the FCC's Rural Health Care Program:
<http://www.universalservice.org/rhc/>

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: See list of eligibility criteria on website.

Application process: See guidelines for application on website.

Availability of funds: New applicants (either current Telecommunications or Internet Access Program participants or HCPs new to Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") programs) are funded through a competitive bidding process.

How funds are to be used: See website for a chart on allowable uses.

Resource: National



Household Water Well System Grants

Quick summary: Grants to help communities improve access to safe, reliable drinking water for households in rural areas

Keywords: Infrastructure grants, Water systems, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Derek Jones, Water Programs Division, Rural Utilities Service, Stop: 1570, Room 2234-, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1570, (202) 720-9640

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/household-water-well-system-grants/wa>

Purpose: Help qualified nonprofits and Tribes create a revolving loan fund (RLF) to extend access to clean, reliable water to households in eligible rural areas.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Nonprofits that have: (1) expertise and experience promoting the safe, productive use of individually owned household water wells systems; (2) legal authority to act as a lender; (3) sufficient expertise and experience in lending activities; and (4) financial, technical and managerial capacity to comply with relevant federal and state laws and regulations. Project must be in rural areas and towns with 50,000 or fewer people and Tribal Lands in rural areas. At least 10% match required.

Application process: File electronically through www.grants.gov. Send paper applications to Water Programs Division, Rural Utilities Service, Stop: 1570, Room 2234-S, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1570.

Availability of funds: Loans to be 20 year maximum term, with an \$11,000 maximum loan per household. Terms for the loans to individuals include 1% fixed interest rate.

How funds are to be used: To help a nonprofit create a RLF for eligible individuals who own and occupy their home in an eligible rural area. Loan fund may be used to construct, refurbish, or service individually-owned household water well systems.

Resource: National



Lifeline

Quick summary: Discount on phone or internet service for qualifying low-income or tribal consumers

Keywords: Telecommunications, Consumer assistance, Low-income & underserved, Tribal programs

Agency/Organization: Federal Communications Commission (FCC), administered by Universal Service Administrative Co.

Contact: Program processed through Universal Service Administrative Company, rhc-assist@usac.org, 1-800-453-1546

Website URL: <http://www.lifelinesupport.org/ls/default.aspx>

Purpose: Provides a discount on phone or internet service for qualifying low-income consumers to ensure that all Americans have the opportunities and security that phone service brings, including being able to connect to jobs, family and emergency services. Eligible customers get at least \$9.25/mo. Eligible tribal customers get an additional \$25/mo. Discount.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Households with income at or below 135 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, or who are in SNAP or Medicaid. Must provide your telephone company with income documentation. For the Tribal program, households must live on tribal lands and participate in a federal tribal program.

Application process: To apply for a discount, contact your telephone company directly. You may not contact USAC to apply for a discount. See the Apply for Lifeline page for the three steps to take to apply for the Lifeline Program.

Resource: National



Nonprofit Facilities Financing

Quick summary: Low-interest loans to help nonprofits buy, build, improve or refinance facilities

Keywords: Community facilities loans, Low-income & underserved

Agency/Organization: Washington State Housing Finance Commission (WSHFC)

Contact: Sharonn Meeks, sharonn.meeks@wshfc.org, (206) 287-4404,

Website URL: <http://www.wshfc.org/facilities>

Purpose: Provide tax-exempt bond financing to nonprofit organizations to support facility improvements.

Who is eligible: 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations who demonstrate sound experience, strong development and financial capacity. Project must be located in Washington state and meet the nonprofit's stated mission. Religious organizations are eligible but projects must serve nonsectarian purposes.

Application process: See application materials online at <http://www.wshfc.org/facilities/application.htm>.

How funds are to be used: Construction and rehabilitation of buildings; purchase of land, equipment and buildings; refinancing of existing capital debt; lease or purchase of equipment; development and feasibility study costs, such as architectural, engineering, accounting. Legal costs directly related to the project and its development can also be financed.

Resource: State



Relight Washington Program (LED)

Quick summary: Support for small towns to convert street lights to LED

Keywords: Infrastructure, Transportation

Agency/Organization: State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board

Contact: Vaughn Nelson, Transportation Improvement Board, P.O. Box 40901, Olympia, WA 98504-0901, vaughnn@tib.wa.gov, (360) 586-1140 or 1 (800) 562-6345

Website URL: <http://www.tib.wa.gov/grants/smallcity/LEDsmallCity.cfm>

Purpose: Lower cities' street light costs by helping cities convert to more energy efficient LED streetlights.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: All small towns (population less than 5,000) and urban cities with a total assessed value of less than \$2 billion. See full list of currently eligible cities. Programs from the Washington

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State Department of Enterprise Services (Energy Service Company agreements) or the Washington State Department of Commerce may be available for other entities.

Application process: Depends on electric utility, see website.

Availability of funds: Program is funded by legislative appropriation; all conversions beyond the 2015-2017 biennium are subject to continued funding.

How funds are to be used: Costs to convert street lights to LED.

Resource: National



Rural Development Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants

Quick summary: Grants to make telecommunications and internet available to rural residents for education and health care

Keywords: Economic development grants, Education grants, Infrastructure grants, Health care grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov, (202) 720-0800

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants> Part of Rural Development Telecommunications program: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs>

Purpose: Help rural communities use telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming remoteness and low population density, such as to link teachers and medical service providers in one area to students and patients in another.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Most entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications, including: state and local governmental entities, federally-recognized tribes, nonprofits, for-profit businesses, and consortia of eligible entities.

Application process: Applications accepted in a competitive through a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) or Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) published in the *Federal Register* and on Grants.gov.

Availability of funds: Awards range from \$50,000 to \$500,000; 15 percent match required.

How funds are to be used: Acquisition of: (1) eligible capital assets (audio, video and interactive video equipment, terminal and data terminal equipment, computer hardware, network components and software, inside wiring and similar infrastructure that further DLT services); (2) instructional programming that is a capital asset; and (3) technical assistance and instruction to use eligible equipment.

Resource: National



Rural Energy for America Program Energy Audit & Renewable Energy Development Assistance Grants

Quick summary: Grants to provide energy audits and renewable energy assistance to rural small businesses and agricultural producers

Keywords: Agriculture, Infrastructure grant, Renewable & solar energy grant, Small business & entrepreneurs grants, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Randy Baird, Asst Director & Energy Coordinator, (509) 454-5740 Ext 130, randy.baird@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-energy-audit-renewable-energy-development-assistance/wa>

Purpose: Increase American energy independence by increasing the private sector supply of renewable energy and decreasing the demand for energy through energy efficiency. Grantees assist rural small businesses and agricultural producers by conducting and promoting energy audits, and providing renewable energy development assistance (REDA).

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: State and local governments; federally-recognized tribes; land-grant colleges/universities or other higher education institutions; rural electric cooperatives; public power entities

Application process: Applications accepted year-round at above office. See program resources on website. Application must be for either energy audits or REDA.

Availability of funds: Maximum aggregate amount of energy audit/REDA grant in a federal fiscal year is \$100,000.

How funds are to be used: Grantee must provide the assistance only to agricultural producers and rural small businesses. Rural small businesses must be [located in eligible rural areas](#); no restriction on agricultural producers. Allowable assistance: energy audits, renewable energy technical assistance, and/or renewable energy site assessments. Eligible project costs: Directly related salaries and travel expenses; office supplies; and administrative expenses up to a maximum of 5% of the grant.

Resource: National



Rural Water Loan Fund

Quick summary: Loans to small water and wastewater utilities for short-term repair costs, small capital projects, or predevelopment costs of larger projects

Keywords: Emergency response loans, Infrastructure loans, Tribal loans, Water loans

Agency/Organization: National Rural Water Association

Contact: Rural Water Loan Fund, 2915 S. 13th Street, Duncan, OK 73533, nrwarwlf@nrwa.org

Website URL: <http://nrwa.org/initiatives/revolving-loan-fund/>

Purpose: Provide low-cost loans to small water and wastewater utilities for short-term repair costs, small capital projects, or predevelopment costs associated with larger projects.

Who is eligible: Public utilities (including Native American Tribes and cooperatives) serving up to 10,000 persons or in any rural area.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Application process: Applications accepted anytime; use form on website.

Availability of funds: Loan not to exceed \$100,000 or 75% of total project cost, whichever is less.

How funds are to be used: Predevelopment (planning) costs for infrastructure projects; replacement equipment, system upgrades, maintenance and small capital projects; energy efficiency to lower costs and improve system sustainability; disaster recovery or other emergencies.

Resource: National



Source Water Protection Program

Quick summary: Information, tools, resources, guidance, support and grants, as available, to protect sources of drinking water

Keywords: Infrastructure, Technical assistance, Water, Water systems

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Health (DOH)

Contact: Corina Hayes, Source Water Protection Program Manager, 360-236-3114

Website URL:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/DrinkingWater/SourceWater/SourceWaterProtection.aspx>

Purpose: Ensure safe and reliable drinking water over the long term by providing information, tools, resources, guidance, and support to water systems and others.

Who is eligible: Counties, cities, towns, and special purpose districts.

Application process: Applications accepted anytime; grants awarded on a funds available basis.

How funds are to be used: Source water protection studies (watershed, hydrogeologic, feasibility studies). Projects need to identify solutions to source water protection problems, assist in implementation of protection plans, or increase or update data that directly benefits source water protection.

Resource: State



Small City Arterial Program (SCAP)

Quick summary: Funding for small cities to improve arterials

Keywords: Infrastructure, Transportation

Agency/Organization: State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board

Contact: (360) 586-1140 or 1-800-562-6345

Website URL: <http://www.tib.wa.gov/grants/smallcity/SCAP.cfm>

Purpose: Funding to rehabilitate Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) arterials in small cities.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Projects preserve and improve TIB classified arterials consistent with local needs in cities with a population less than 5,000. TIB classified arterial must meet at least one of the following conditions: serves as a logical extension of a county arterial or state highway into the corporate limits; serves as a route connecting local generators such as schools, medical facilities, social centers, recreational areas, commercial centers or industrial sites; or acts as a bypass or truck route to relieve the central core area.

Application process: See website.

Resource: State



Small City Preservation Program

Quick summary: Funding for existing pavement and sidewalk maintenance in small cities

Keywords: Infrastructure, Transportation

Agency/Organization: State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board

Contact: (360) 586-1140 or 1-800-562-6345

Website URL: <http://www.tib.wa.gov/grants/smallcity/SCPP.cfm>

Purpose: Provide funding for chip seal and overlay of existing pavement and sidewalk maintenance in incorporated cities with populations less than 5,000.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Cities with populations less than 5,000.

Application process: See website.

Availability of funds: Funds are provided through the maintenance management program administered through TIB. Condition ratings, economies of scale, and assessed valuation of cities are all considerations in amount of funds provided. Non-competitive program with funding targeted for road maintenance opportunities across the state, not distributed regionally.

Resource: State



Small City Sidewalk Program (SCSP)

Quick summary: Funding for small cities to improve sidewalk safety and connectivity

Keywords: Infrastructure, Transportation

Agency/Organization: State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board

Contact: (360) 586-1140 or 1-800-562-6345

Website URL: <http://www.tib.wa.gov/grants/smallcity/SCSP.cfm>

Purpose: Provide funding for projects that address safety, access to generators, and system continuity by filling in gaps within the system. The program is available to both small city and urban agencies. Urban and small city projects compete separately.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Intent of the project must be transportation and not recreation; project also must be on or related to a TIB Small City Arterial.

Application process: See website.

How funds are to be used: Projects to improve safety, access, connectivity, and address system continuity. Completed projects must be consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Resource: State



Small Communities Initiative (SCI)

Quick summary: Provide technical assistance to small rural communities to upgrade drinking water or wastewater systems

Keywords: Infrastructure, Technical assistance, Water systems

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Cathi Read (Project Manager, Olympia Office), cathi.read@commerce.wa.gov, 360-725-3016, or Jon Galow (Project Manager, Spokane Office), jon.galow@commerce.wa.gov, 509-847-5021

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/serving-rural-communities/small-communities-initiative-sci/>

Purpose: Provide project development technical assistance to small, rural communities that must upgrade their drinking water or wastewater systems. Assistance includes technical advice and

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facilitation services to local elected officials and staff to develop infrastructure projects, make strategic investments, and identify and access appropriate fund sources.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Small, rural cities, unincorporated communities, utility districts and water associations referred by the departments of [Health](#) or [Ecology](#).

Application process: Contact above staff.

Resource: State



Solid Waste Management Grants

Quick summary: Grants for technical assistance or training to improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas.

Keywords: Infrastructure grant, Pollution grants, Technical assistance, Waste management, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Peter McMillin, Director, Community Programs, (360) 704-7737, peter.mcmillin@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/solid-waste-management-grants/wa>

Purpose: Help reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources through funding for organizations that provide technical assistance (TA) or training to improve the planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Most state and local governmental entities, nonprofits, federally-recognized tribes, academic institutions. Applicants must have proven ability, background or experience to and legal authority to provide technical assistance or training. Area must be rural area/town with a population of 10,000 or less.

Application process: Applications accepted through the local office from Oct. 1 – Dec. 31 each year. See website for forms and resources.

How funds are to be used: Evaluate current landfill conditions to identify threats to water resources; provide TA or training to enhance the operation and maintenance of active landfills; provide TA or training to help communities reduce the amount of solid waste coming into a landfill; provide TA or training to prepare for closure and future use of a landfill site.

Resource: National



Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH)

Quick summary: Funding for predevelopment costs of water and waste disposal facilities in small, financially distressed rural areas

Keywords: Infrastructure, Technical assistance, Water systems, Waste management, Tribal programs

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Washington State RD Office, (360) 704-7737 or (360) 704-7740

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/search-special-evaluation-assistance-rural-communities-and-households>

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Purpose: Help very small, financially distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design assistance, and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Most state and local governmental entities, nonprofits, federally-recognized tribes. Area must be rural areas with a population of 2,500 or less and having a median household income below the poverty line or less than 80% of statewide nonmetropolitan median household income.

Application process: Accepted through local RD office year round. Program resources available online.

How funds are to be used: Pay predevelopment planning costs, including: feasibility studies to support applications for funding rural water, sanitary sewage, solid waste disposal and storm wastewater disposal facilities or related improvements; preliminary design and engineering analysis; technical assistance for the development of an application for financial assistance.

Resource: National



Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans & Loan Guarantees

Quick summary: Loans and loan guarantees to build or expand telephone service and broadband in rural areas

Keywords: Infrastructure loans, Broadband, Telecommunications loan

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Loan Origination and Approval Division, (202) 720-0800.

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants> Part of Rural Development Telecommunications program: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs>

Purpose: Provide financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Most entities that provide telecommunications in qualified rural areas including: state and local governments; federally recognized tribes; nonprofits and mutual associations; and for-profit businesses (must be a corporation or limited liability company). Must be rural area or town with a population of 5,000 or less without telecommunications facilities or areas where the applicant is the recognized telecommunications provider.

Application process: Apply through RUS Telecommunications, see website.

How funds are to be used: Finance broadband capable telecommunications service, including improvements, expansions, construction, and in certain cases, acquisitions and refinancing.

Resource: National



Telecommunications Program

Quick summary: Reduced rates on telecommunications for rural health care providers

Keywords: Health care providers, Telecommunications

Agency/Organization: Federal Communications Commission (FCC), administered by Universal Service Administrative Co.

Contact: Program processed through Universal Service Administrative Company, rhc-assist@usac.org, 1-800-453-1546

Website URL: <http://www.universalservice.org/rhc/telecommunications/process-overview/default.aspx>

Purpose: Provides reduced rates to rural health care providers (HCPs) for telecommunications services related to the use of telemedicine and telehealth. Part of the FCC's Rural Health Care Program <http://www.universalservice.org/rhc/>

Type of organization: Government

Application process: See directions and applications online.

Availability of funds: Funding for the Rural Health Care Program is capped at \$400 million annually.

Resource: National



Washington State Clean Energy Fund

Quick summary: Loans and matching funds for smart energy technology projects and facilities

Keywords: Energy efficiency grants & loans, Infrastructure grants & loans, Research, Technology grants & loans

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Jill Nordstrom, 360-725-3117, jill.nordstrom@commerce.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/clean-energy-fund/>

Purpose: Provide funding for revolving loans, smart grid improvements and matching funds for federal grants to help increase Washington's energy independence.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Nonprofit lenders, electric utilities, organizations with federal grants for clean energy research and development, and organizations with approved energy bonds projects.

Application process: Apply online.

Availability of funds: Four programs: Revolving Loan Funds for renewable energy and efficiency; Smart Grid Grants for energy storage and control technologies; Research & Development for clean energy technology research, development and demonstration projects with federal grants; Renewable Energy Manufacturing for facilities doing advanced solar and renewable energy.

Resource: State



Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program

Quick summary: Low-interest loans and grants for drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage in rural areas

Keywords: Infrastructure grants & loans, Waste management, Water grants & loans, Tribal grants & loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Peter McMillin, Director, Community Programs,(360) 704-7737, peter.mcmillin@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/wa>

Purpose: Provide funding for clean, reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Qualified applicants that are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Eligible applicants: most state and local governmental entities, private nonprofits, federally-recognized tribes. Eligible areas: rural areas/towns with fewer than 10,000 people, Tribal lands in rural areas, or Colonias.

Application process: Applications accepted through above office year round. Program resources available online.

How funds are to be used: Finance the acquisition, construction or improvement of: drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and distribution; sewer collection, transmission, treatment and disposal; solid waste collection, disposal and closure; storm water collection, transmission and disposal.

Types of assistance: Long-term, low-interest loans which, if funds are available, may be combined with grants if needed to keep user costs reasonable.

Resource: National



Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees

Quick summary: Loan guarantees to improve access to drinking water and waste disposal systems in rural areas

Keywords: Infrastructure, Waste management, Water systems, Tribal programs

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Peter McMillin, Director, Community Programs, (360) 704-7737, peter.mcmillin@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-guarantees/wa>

Purpose: Improve access to clean, reliable water and waste disposal systems for households and businesses in rural areas by helping private lenders provide affordable financing to qualified borrowers.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Private lenders apply for a loan guarantee on loans to an eligible borrower who is otherwise unable to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Eligible borrowers include: most state and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, federally-recognized tribes. Areas served include: rural area/towns with 10,000 or fewer people, tribal lands in rural areas, and Colonias.

Application process: *Lenders:* Contact above representative for details. *Borrowers:* Ask your private lender if they participate in USDA Loan Guarantee Programs.

How funds are to be used: Construct or improve facilities for: drinking water, sanitary sewers, solid waste disposal, and storm water disposal facilities.

Resource: National



Water and Waste Disposal Revolving Loan Funds

Quick summary: Revolving loan funds to finance improvement of rural water and waste disposal systems

Keywords: Infrastructure loans, Water loans, Tribal loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

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Contact: Peter McMillin, Director, Community Programs, (360) 704-7737,
peter.mcmillin@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-revolving-loan-funds/wa>

Purpose: Help qualified nonprofits create a revolving loan fund (RLF) to provide financing for extension and improvement of water and waste disposal systems in rural areas.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Nonprofits that have legal authority to operate a revolving loan fund, and financial, technical and managerial capacity to comply with relevant state/federal laws and regulations. Eligible borrowers: utility districts operated by: state and local governmental entities, or nonprofits. Areas served include: rural areas/ towns with 10,000 or fewer people, tribal lands in rural areas, and Colonias.

Application process: Contact a Rural Department specialist in above office. Electronic applications accepted via www.grants.gov. Or send paper applications to: Water Programs Division, Rural Utilities Service, Stop: 1570, Room 2234-S, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1570.

Availability of funds: Maximum loan per borrower: \$100,000. Maximum term: 10 years.

How funds are to be used: Pre-development costs of water and wastewater treatment projects; short-term small capital improvement projects that are not part of the regular operations and maintenance.

Resource: National



Water and Waste Disposal Technical Assistance and Training Grants

Quick summary:

Keywords: Infrastructure grants, Technical assistance, Water grants, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Peter McMillin, Director, Community Programs, (360) 704-7737,
peter.mcmillin@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-technical-assistance-training-grants/wa>

Purpose: Help small communities extend and improve water and waste treatment facilities for households and businesses through grants to qualified, private nonprofits that provide technical assistance (TA) and training. TA and training is to: (a) identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste problems; (b) assist in applying for water and waste disposal loans/grants; and (c) assist associations in improving operation and maintenance of existing rural water and waste facilities.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Nonprofits that have the proven ability, background, experience and capacity to provide TA or training on a national, regional or state basis. Eligible projects are in rural areas/towns with 10,000 or fewer people, and tribal lands in rural areas.

Application process: Applications accepted through above RD office from October 1 - December 31 each year. Program resources available online.

How funds are to be used: Identify and evaluate solutions to water problems related to source, storage, treatment, and distribution, collection, treatment, and disposal. Provide technical assistance

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and training to improve management, operations and maintenance of existing water and waste disposal systems. Prepare water and waste disposal loan and grant applications.

Resource: National



Water and Wastewater Pre-Development Planning Grants

Quick summary: Planning grant to help in developing a water and waste disposal grant program

Keywords: Infrastructure, Water systems, Tribal programs

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Peter McMillin, Director Community Programs, (360) 704-7737,
peter.mcmillin@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants>

Purpose: Assists low-income communities with initial planning and development of applications for USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal direct loan/grant and loan guarantee programs.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Most state and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized tribes serving areas under 10,000 population.

Application process: Applications accepted year-round as funds are available, through the RD office.

Availability of funds: Planning grant to assist in paying costs associated with developing a complete application for RD funding for a proposed project. Maximum \$30,000 grant or 75% of predevelopment planning costs. Requires minimum 25% match.

How funds are to be used: Pay part of the costs of developing a complete application for USDA Rural Development Water & Waste Disposal direct loan/grant and loan guarantee programs.

Resource: National



Water Quality Grants and Loans

Quick summary: Funding to help local jurisdictions improve water quality

Keywords: Infrastructure grants & loans, Pollution grants & loans, Tribal grants & loans, Water grants & loans

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Ecology

Contact: 360-407-6000; <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/funding/Opp/WQC2017.html> (for list of regional contacts)

Website URL: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/funding/funding.html>

Purpose: Protect and improve the health of Washington's lakes, rivers, streams and marine waters. Funding is from a mix of federal and state sources.

Who is eligible: Local governments, tribes, special purpose districts, conservation districts and nonprofits.

Application process: Varies by opportunity; see website.

How funds are to be used: Varies by grant/loan opportunity, but generally to improve water quality.

Resource: State



JUSTICE SYSTEM



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Justice Assistance Grant

Quick summary: Grants to improve justice system, especially for drug and violent crimes

Keywords: Crime victims grants, Justice system grants, Witnesses grants

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Bill Johnston, Program Manager, 360-725-3030, bill.johnston@commerce.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/crime-victims-public-safety/justice-assistance-grant/>

Purpose: Improve the functioning of the criminal justice system with special emphasis on drug control, violent crime and serious offenders. Support programs in seven areas: law enforcement; prosecution and courts; crime prevention and education; corrections and community corrections; drug treatment and enforcement; planning, evaluation, and technology improvement; crime victim and witness programs (other than victims' compensation).

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: The

Application process: Concept proposals may be submitted at any time. Justice Assistance Grant Advisory Committee recommends programs based upon projected funding; the Department selects individual projects for funding within the recommended programs upon release of federal award.

How funds are to be used: Personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance, information systems, prosecution, adjudication, detention, rehabilitation of offenders, or victim assistance.

Resource: State



Office of Crime Victims Advocacy

(Note: This information is for grantees. For victims of crimes, see Victim Witness Assistance Program.)

Quick summary: Grant administration for state and federal programs for crime victims.

Keywords: Crime victims, Domestic violence, Witnesses

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Office of Crime Victims Advocacy, Washington State Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 42525, 1011 Plum Street SE, Olympia, WA 98504-2525, (866) 857-9889, ocva@commerce.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/crime-victims-public-safety/office-of-crime-victims-advocacy/>

Purpose: Identify opportunities and resources victims need in order to recover and facilitate the availability of those resources and opportunities in communities statewide; administer federal and state grants.

Type of organization: Government

Application process: Contact above office.

Availability of funds: Grant funds are provided by the Legislature or federal government to coordinate and enhance services that benefit crime victims.

How funds are to be used: Crime victim service centers; domestic violence legal advocacy; human trafficking; sexual assault treatment; sexual assault prevention; victim witness assistance units; violence against women STOP grant; violence against women grants to encourage arrest.

Resource: State



Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Grant Programs

Quick summary: Grants to reduce domestic violence and sexual assault

Keywords: Domestic violence grants, Justice system grants, Women

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

Contact: Office on Violence Against Women, 145 N St., NE, Suite 10W.121, Washington, D.C. 20530, 202-307-6026, or 1-800-518-4726; Rural program: Krista Blakeney-Mitchell, Associate Director, OVW.Rural@usdoj.gov

Website URL: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

Purpose: Reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by strengthening services to victims and holding offenders accountable.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Varies by grant program, but may include local and tribal governments, nonprofits, legal and victim services providers, institutions of higher education. Programs benefit women, youth, college students, elders and persons with disabilities.

Application process: Competitive grants announced in the Federal Register and on Grants.gov. See the above website for more information.

Resource: National



Victim Witness Assistance Program

Quick summary: Information, support, and advocacy services to victims, witnesses and their families while involved in the criminal justice system

Keywords: Crime victims, Domestic violence, Witnesses

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Direct Service Line: 1 (800) 822-1067; for communities: Stephanie Pratt, Stephanie.pratt@commerce.wa.gov, (360) 725-2899

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/crime-victims-public-safety/office-of-crime-victims-advocacy/victim-witness-assistance-program-overview/>

Purpose: Provide systems-based advocacy and support services for victims during investigation and prosecution of a crime. Also provide grants to county prosecutors for activities including providing information on victim rights, assistance in obtaining protection orders, information about the criminal justice process and status of the criminal case; accompanying to criminal court proceedings; providing support during legal processes; notification to victims and witnesses of court proceedings and referrals to resources; preparing and submitting orders of restitution.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Victim witness assistance can be provided for multiple crime types including sexual assault, domestic violence, kidnapping, trafficking, homicide, burglary, and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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Application process: See above contact information.

Types of assistance: Notify victims and witnesses of court proceedings, dates, and events; prepare and submit of orders of restitution; provide information and assistance to crime victims for compensation applications.

Resource: State



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Available Statewide

Challenge America Grants

Quick summary: Grants to extend arts opportunities to underserved populations

Keywords: Arts & heritage grants, Low-income & underserved grants **Agency/Organization:** National Endowment for the Arts

Contact: 202-682-5700, challengeamerica@arts.gov

Website URL: <https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america/grant-program-description>

Purpose: To extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics or disability, though not just by age.

Who is eligible: Small and mid-sized nonprofits for projects in any of three areas: arts events featuring one or more guest artists; development of cultural tourism; and professionally directed public visual arts projects that include community engagement.

Application process: Step 1 is to Submit SF-424 to [Grants.gov](https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america/grant-program-description) and Step 2 is to Submit Materials to NEA-GO

Availability of funds: Fixed amount of \$10,000 and require minimum \$10,000 match.

Resource: National



Grants to States (Libraries)

Quick summary: Grants to state and, through subawards, school and public libraries

Keywords: Libraries & museums grants

Agency/Organization: Institute of Museum and Library Services

Contact: Faith Steele, IMLS, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135, (202) 653-4714. fsteele@imls.gov

Website URL: <https://www.imls.gov/grants/grants-states>

Purpose: The Grants to States program is the largest source of federal funding support for library services in the U.S.

Type of organization: Government

Application process: Please go to our website for more information on how to apply.

Availability of funds: More than \$150 million is distributed among the State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs) every year.

How funds are to be used: SLAAs may use the funds to support statewide initiatives and services for underserved communities and persons who have difficulties using libraries. SLAAs may distribute the funds through competitive subawards to, or cooperative agreements with, public, academic, research, school, or special libraries or consortia. Grants to States funds have been used to meet the needs of children, parents, teenagers, adult learners, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, the unemployed, and the business community.

Resource: National



Heritage Barn Rehabilitation Grant Program

Quick summary: Grants to restore and rehabilitate historic barns

Keywords: Arts & heritage grants

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation

Contact: Jennifer Mortensen, (206) 624-9449, jmortensen@preservewa.org

Website URL: www.dahp.wa.gov/heritage-barn-grants

Purpose: Restore and rehabilitate historic barns.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Historic agricultural structures listed in the Heritage Barn Register, the Washington Heritage Register, or the National Register of Historic Places. To be eligible for listing in the Heritage Barn Register, barns must be over 50 years old and retain a significant degree of historic integrity.

Application process: Nomination/application materials for Heritage Barn Register and Heritage Barn Rehabilitation Grant Program can be [downloaded here](#).

Availability of funds: Rehabilitation grants are awarded through a competitive application process. Criteria include: historical significance of the barn, urgency of needed repairs, and provision for long-term preservation, with priority for barns that remain in agricultural use. Approximately \$400,000 in grant funds will be available.

Resource: State



Heritage Capital Projects Fund

Quick summary: State support for capital projects that interpret and preserve Washington's history and heritage

Keywords: Arts & heritage

Agency/Organization: Washington State Historical Society (WSHS)

Contact: Janet Rogerson, janet.rogerson@wshs.wa.gov, or Lissa Kramer, lissa.kramer@wshs.wa.gov, 253-798-5909.

Website URL: <http://www.washingtonhistory.org/support/heritage/capitalprojectsfund/>

Purpose: Provide state support (appropriation from the state capital budget) for capital needs and facilities that interpret and preserve Washington's history and heritage.

Type of organization: State government fund administered by a nonprofit

Who is eligible: Eligible entities: heritage organizations, tribal governments, public development authorities, and local government agencies that have readiness and capacity to complete the eligible capital project within the biennium. Eligible projects: demonstrate significant public benefit in the form of heritage interpretation and preservation, and involve property that will be held a minimum of 13 years beyond project completion.

Application process: Competitive grant process. Application form posted online after state capital budget appropriation. Washington State Historical Society creates a prioritized list of projects for funding through a budget request.

Availability of funds: Total of up to \$10 million in grants each biennium

How funds are to be used: Reimburse up to one-third of eligible costs of selected heritage capital projects; grantees must provide at least two-thirds match.

Resource: State



Washington Rural Heritage Initiative

Quick summary: Initiative and grants to enable small and rural libraries to create digital collections documenting their communities

Keywords: Arts & heritage, Libraries & museums, Tribal programs

Agency/Organization: Washington State Library and Office of the Secretary of State

Contact: Evan Robb, Digital Repository Librarian, (360) 704-5228, evan.robb@sos.wa.gov

Website URL: <http://www.washingtonruralheritage.org/cdm/about>

Purpose: Provides access to digitized primary sources documenting the early culture, industry, and community life of Washington state; enable small and rural libraries to create digital collections of unique items that tell the stories of their communities; and .provide long-term storage and preservation of digital masters created by WRH participants. Provide an annual grant opportunity to public and tribal libraries.

Who is eligible: Contact staff listed above for information on grant eligibility and requirements.

Application process: Please check the [Washington State Library's LSTA Grants page](#) for more information about current grant opportunities and past grant awards.

How funds are to be used: Provide participating libraries and their partners with training in various aspects of digital project development and management including: selection, copyright research, digital imaging, metadata creation, use of digital asset management software, evaluation & assessment, etc..

Geo areas served: Rural areas in Washington state

Resource: State



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Note: Philanthropies listed here make grants in multiple subject areas. See also other subject headings for philanthropies that focus in those specific areas.

Available Statewide

Burning Foundation, The

Quick summary: Grants to protect environmental resources and prevent teen pregnancies

Keywords: Health care grants, Natural resources/environment grants, Women grants

Agency/Organization: The Burning Foundation

Contact: Sybil Ackerman-Munson, 715 SW Morrison Street, Suite 901, Portland, OR 97205, (503) 419-8454, BurningFoundation@gmail.com

Website URL: <http://fdnweb.org/burning/>

Purpose: Support work in two issue areas: (1) environmental—threatened rivers, forests, and native fish populations, and conserving land and open space; (2) teen pregnancy prevention—school-based health and education programs, mentoring projects, and community clinic programs.

Type of organization: Foundation

Who is eligible: 501(c)(3) nonprofit groups in Washington and Oregon who meet the stated areas of interest.

Application process: Applications online.

Availability of funds: Grants can range from \$5,000 to \$12,000, with approximately \$400,000 granted each year.

How funds are to be used: General operating expenses and/or special projects.

Resource: Regional



Council on Foundations Listing of Member Websites

Quick summary: Listing of websites of philanthropies

Keywords: Philanthropy

Agency/Organization: Council on Foundations

Contact: 2121 Crystal Drive, Suite 700, Arlington, VA 22202, 1-800-673-9036,

Website URL: <https://www.cof.org/members-directory/non-members>

Purpose: Association for grant-making organizations. Grant seekers can use the online listing of member websites to find funding sources.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Varies by funder—see individual websites.

Application process: Varies by funder—see individual websites

How funds are to be used: Varies by funder—see individual websites

Resource: National



Ford Foundation

Quick summary: Grants in seven program areas to fight inequality.

Keywords: Philanthropy, Low-income & underserved grants, Social & environmental justice grants, Youth grants

Agency/Organization: Ford Foundation

Contact: 320 E. 43rd St., New York, N.Y. 10017, (212) 573-5000 or (212) 351-3677

Website URL: <http://www.fordfound.org/work/our-grants/>

Purpose: Support visionary leaders and organizations working on the frontlines of social change worldwide to reduce poverty and injustice, strengthen democratic values, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement.

Type of organization: Foundation

Application process: Use the short form online. Grants are in seven areas: civic engagement and government; creativity and free expression; equitable development; gender, racial and ethnic justice; inclusive economies, internet freedom; and youth opportunity and learning. Less than 3 percent of inquiries result in a funding.

Resource: National



Foundation Center

Quick summary: Online directory of funding sources and training opportunities for nonprofits

Keywords: Philanthropy, Training

Agency/Organization: Foundation Center

Contact: 32 Old Slip, 24th Floor, Attn: Customer Engagement Dept., New York, NY 10005, (212) 620-4230. Web contact form or Live Chat: <http://foundationcenter.custhelp.com/app/ask>

Website URL: <http://foundationcenter.org/>

Purpose: Provide resources for starting a nonprofit and finding grants, and training in grantwriting, resource development and leadership. Includes online Foundation Directory.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: Existing or forming nonprofit organizations. Individual foundations have own eligibility criteria for grants.

Application process: Using the Foundation Directory requires a subscription of \$49.99/month. Grant application process varies by funder. Many online classes and recorded webinars are free.

How funds are to be used: Varies by funder.

Resource: National



Kresge Foundation

Quick summary: Grants in arts and health for economically distressed communities

Keywords: Arts & heritage grants, Health grants, Philanthropy

Agency/Organization: Kresge Foundation

Contact: 3215 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, Mich. 48084, 248-643-9630, <http://kresge.org/email-us>

Website URL: <http://kresge.org/opportunities>

Purpose: Expand opportunities for economic revitalization, cultural expression, and health. Much of the focus is on cities, but two of six grant areas include economically distressed communities generally: Arts & Culture, Health.

Type of organization: Foundation

Who is eligible: Nonprofit organizations.

Application process: See currently available opportunities and apply online at above website.

How funds are to be used: Operating support, planning, project management, partnership development, community engagement, strategic communications, evaluation, policy development, and other activities directly related to successful outcomes.

Resource: National



May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust Grant Program

Quick summary: Grants to nonprofits serving the elderly, foster youth, persons with disabilities and veterans

Keywords: Elderly/seniors grants, Low-income & underserved grants, Persons with disabilities grants, Philanthropy, Youth grants, Veterans grants

Agency/Organization: AdminiTrust/May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust

Contact: 415-332-0166, grantsmanager@adminitrustllc.com

Website URL: <http://www.adminitrustllc.com/may-and-stanley-smith-charitable-trust/grant-program-areas/>

Purpose: Provide funding to organizations working in the following areas: foster youth, elder populations, people with disabilities, and veterans.

Type of organizations: Charitable trust

Who is eligible: Tax-exempt nonprofit organizations

Application process: Two-stage process: (1) online letter of inquiry (LOI); (2) if invited, full proposal submission. See directions online.

Availability of funds: Applicant should request an amount appropriate to the project/organization.

Geo areas served: Western U.S. states and British Columbia, Canada

Resource: Regional



Northwest Area Foundation

Quick summary: Support efforts to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable prosperity especially for Native communities, communities of color, and immigrant communities

Keywords: Economic development, Immigrants, Social & environmental justice, Technical assistance, Tribal programs

Agency/Organization: Northwest Area Foundation

Contact: 60 Plato Blvd. E., Suite 400, St. Paul, MN 55107, (651) 224-9635, online contact form at <http://www.nwaf.org/home/contact/>

Website URL: <http://www.nwaf.org/for-grantseekers/>

Purpose: Support efforts by the people, organizations and communities of an eight-state region to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable prosperity. Work to advance good jobs and financial

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capability through: enterprise development, access to capital, work opportunity, and financial inclusion for low-income communities, with a special focus on those that are Native, communities of color, or immigrant.

Type of organization: Foundation

Application process: Open to ideas from grantseekers but generally accept proposals by invitation only. Occasionally invite applications for competitive funding opportunities.

Types of assistance: Grants, technical assistance

Geo areas served: Eight northwestern states (ID, IA, MN, MT, ND, OR, SD, WA) and 75 Native nations

Resource: Regional



Philanthropy Northwest Member Directory

Quick summary: Contact information and websites of philanthropies

Keywords: Philanthropy

Agency/Organization: Philanthropy Northwest

Contact: 2101 Fourth Avenue, Suite 650, Seattle, WA 98121, 206-443-8430, Toll free 1-877-769-2752 or 877-PNW-ASK2, info@philanthropynw.org

Website URL: <https://philanthropynw.org/directory>

Purpose: Association for philanthropic organizations. Grant seekers can use the online member directory to find funding sources. Checking the box “Rural Areas,” shows 11 organizations interested in making grants in rural areas: The CIRI Foundation, Dietel Partners, The Ford Family Foundation, Foundation for Community Vitality, Medina Foundation, Northwest Area Foundation, The O.P. & W.E. Edwards Foundation, Pride Foundation, Sherwood Trust, Skagit Community Foundation, and Yakima Valley Community Foundation. See the individual websites listed.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Who is eligible: Varies by funder—see individual websites.

Application process: Varies by funder—see individual websites.

How funds are to be used: Varies by funder—see individual websites.

Resource: National



Available in Certain Regions

Community Foundation of North Central Washington

Quick summary: Grants for projects enhancing quality of life in the region

Keywords: Arts & heritage, Education, Health, Natural resources/environment, Low-income & underserved, Philanthropy, Youth

Agency/Organization: Community Foundation of North Central Washington

Contact: Denise Sorom, Directory of Community Philanthropy, 9 S Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee WA 98801, 509-663-7716, denise@cfncw.org

Website URL: <http://www.cfncw.org/grants/>

PHILANTHROPY

Purpose: Enhance the quality of life in the region by supporting projects and programs with in areas such as: arts and culture, education, environment and animal protection, health and human services, and public/social benefit.

Type of organization: Foundation

Who is eligible: Nonprofit charitable organizations and public institutions

Application process: Available at above website

Geo areas served: Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties

Resource: Regional



Community Grant Program

Quick summary: Grants to improve life in communities where Walmart operates

Keywords: Arts & heritage grants, Economic development grants, Food & nutrition grants, Low-income & underserved grants, Natural resources/environment grants, Public safety grants, Social & environmental justice grants

Agency/Organization: Walmart Foundation

Contact: None provided.

Website URL: <http://giving.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant-program>

Purpose: Grants to create positive impact in local communities where Walmart and Sam's Club stores and Logistics facilities are located. Eight areas of funding: (1) hunger relief and healthy eating; (2) health and human services; (3) quality of life, such as access to arts and cultural experiences; (4) out-of-school education; (5) community and economic development; (6) diversity and inclusion; (7) public safety; (8) environmental sustainability.

Type of organization: Corporate Foundation

Who is eligible: Any of the following: (1) 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit; (2) state, county or city government entity requesting funds exclusively for public purposes; (3) K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or (4) church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large.

Application process: Applications open annually, through form on above website, to be submitted to the local Walmart facility.

Geo areas served: Any community where Walmart and Sam's Club stores and Logistics facilities are located.

Availability of funds: Grant range: \$250 to \$2,500.

Resource: National



Georgia-Pacific Foundation

Quick summary: Grants to improve life in communities where the company operates and employees lives

Keywords: Education grants, Economic development grants, Natural resources/environment grants

Agency/Organization: Georgia-Pacific Foundation

Contact: None provided.

Website URL: <https://www.gp.com/Company/Community/Foundation>

PHILANTHROPY

Purpose: Support nonprofit organizations working to improve life in communities where the company operates, and company employees live and work.

Type of organization: Corporate Foundation

Who is eligible: Nonprofits in communities where the company operates and employees live/ work, including Camas, Olympia and Tacoma, WA. Grants can be made in four areas: education, enrichment, environment and entrepreneurship. Bucket Brigade grants are for any fire department within 30-miles of a Georgia-Pacific facility.

Application process: Apply using the online form at the above website.

Geo areas served: Camas, Olympia and Tacoma

Resource: National



Giving Projects

Quick summary: Training workshops for social justice and community organizing

Keywords: Philanthropy, Low-income & underserved, Social & environmental justice, Training

Agency/Organization: Social Justice Fund Northwest

Contact: Social Justice Fund NW, 1904 Third Ave., Suite 806, Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 624-4081, info(at)socialjusticefund.org

Website URL: <http://www.socialjusticefund.org/giving-projects>

Purpose: Conduct leadership development workshops for social justice and community organizing, leading people through a process of learning, community building, fundraising and grantmaking for social change.

Type of organization: Foundation

Application process: Apply online at <http://www.socialjusticefund.org/sign-giving-project>

Geo areas served: Seattle, Portland, and smaller rural communities in the area

Resource: Regional



Yakima Valley Community Foundation

Quick summary: Grants for issues of significance to the Yakima Valley

Keywords: Arts & heritage, Education, Economic development, Health, Natural resources/environment, Philanthropy

Agency/Organization: Yakima Valley Community Foundation

Contact: 111 University Parkway, Suite 102, Yakima, WA 98901, 509-457-7616, grants@yakimavalleycf.org

Website URL:

<http://www.yakimavalleycf.org/bPartnerbWithUs/OurNonprofitPartners/ForGrantSeekers.aspx>

Purpose: Produce widely shared and lasting results on issues of significance to the Yakima Valley through four granting strategies: Responsive, Small Grants, Sponsorships and Strategic Grants.

Type of organization: Foundation

Who is eligible: Public charity with tax-exempt status under IRS Section 501 (c), a federally recognized Tribe, or a unit of local government, serving Yakima County or the Yakama Nation.

Application process: Apply online.

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Availability of funds: Small grants: under \$10,000; Scholarships: maximum \$2,500; Strategic grants: maximum \$25,000.

How funds are to be used: *Responsive and Small Grants:* Basic needs, arts & culture, education, health & wellness, civic vitality, and the environment. *Scholarships:* Organizational events or projects. *Strategic Grants:* improve education, civic engagement and health and wellness in Yakima County.

Geo areas served: Yakima Valley and Yakama Nation

Resource: Regional



SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



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Available Statewide

Association for Enterprise Opportunity (AEO)

Quick summary: Connect community lenders and entrepreneurs in underserved areas; conduct research; and advance public policy

Keywords: Economic development, Research, Small business & entrepreneurs

Agency/Organization: Association for Enterprise Opportunity

Contact: 1310 L Street NW, Suite 830, Washington, DC 20005, 202-650-5580

Website URL: <http://www.microenterpriseworks.org/>

Purpose: Help member organizations create economic opportunity for underserved entrepreneurs.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Types of assistance: Training, knowledge sharing, and federal and state public policy and advocacy to nearly 500 member organizations serving micro entrepreneurs. Initiatives connect small businesses to financial institutions and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) in low-wealth communities.

Resource: National



Collateral Support Program (CSP) for Small Businesses

Quick summary: Collateral support for small business bridge loans

Keywords: Economic development loans, Small business & entrepreneurs loans

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: Jaclyn Woodson, Program Manager, Jaclyn.woodson@commerce.wa.gov, (360) 725-4049

Website URL: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/business-loans/small-business-credit-initiative/collateral-support-program/>

Purpose: Provide collateral support for small business bridge loans with reasonable expectation of payoff within 18 months.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Most small businesses; the lender to whom the business applies for a loan determines if the has reviewed the loan request loan request qualifies for CSP.

Application process: See list of lending partners on above website.

How funds are to be used: Business term loans and lines of credit which may include: Working capital, Heavy Equipment, Acquisition of a place of business, Construction, or renovation of a place of business, Franchise fees.

Resource: State



General Small Business Loans

Quick summary: Loans to help small businesses operating in the United States

Keywords: Economic development loans, Small business & entrepreneurs loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Contact: U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd St., SW, Washington DC 20416, 1-800-827-5722;
District Office: Katie Hurd, District Director, 206-553-7310

Website URL: <https://www.sba.gov/loans-grants/see-what-sba-offers/sba-loan-programs/general-small-business-loans-7a>

Purpose: The 7(a) Loan Program, SBA's most common loan program, provides financial help for small businesses operating in the United States.

Who is eligible: Businesses meeting SBA's small business definition and operating (or to operate) in the United States. Other requirements depend on specific aspects of the business and its principals.

How funds are to be used: Establish a new business or to assist in the acquisition, operation, or expansion of an existing business; provide working capital; purchase equipment or real estate; construct/renovate buildings; refinance business loans.

Types of assistance: Specific loan terms negotiated between borrower and an SBA-approved lender.

Resource: National



Microloan Program

Quick summary: Small loans to intermediaries who lend to help small businesses start up or expand

Keywords: Economic development loans, Small business & entrepreneurs loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Contact: U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd St., SW, Washington DC 20416, 1-800-827-5722;
District Office: Katie Hurd, District Director, 206-553-7310

Website URL: <https://www.sba.gov/loans-grants/see-what-sba-offers/sba-loan-programs/microloan-program>

Purpose: Funds for specially designated intermediary lenders, which are nonprofit community-based organizations with experience in lending as well as in management and technical assistance. These intermediaries administer the Microloan program for eligible borrowers.

Who is eligible: Each intermediary lender has its own lending and credit requirements for borrowers; most require some type of collateral as well as the personal guarantee of the business owner. Microloan borrowers may be required to fulfill training or planning requirements.

Application process: Prospective borrowers should see the list of intermediary lenders on the above website or contact the SBA District Office.

Availability of funds: Loans up to \$50,000 to help small businesses and certain not-for-profit childcare centers start up and expand; average microloan: \$13,000.

How funds are to be used: Working capital; inventory or supplies; furniture or fixtures machinery or equipment.

Resource: National



Real Estate and Equipment Loans (CDC/504)

Quick summary: Loans to small businesses for major fixed assets

Keywords: Economic development loans, Small business & entrepreneurs loans,

Agency/Organization: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Contact: U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd St., SW, Washington DC 20416, 1-800-827-5722;
District Office: Katie Hurd, District Director, 206-553-7310

Website URL: <https://www.sba.gov/loans-grants/see-what-sba-offers/sba-loan-programs/real-estate-equipment-loans-cdc-504>

Purpose: Provide financing for major fixed assets, such as equipment or real estate.

Who is eligible: Most small businesses operating in the United States that do not have funds available from other sources. See website for other requirements. Loans are through Certified Development Companies (CDCs)—nonprofit corporations certified and regulated by SBA.

Application process: See application on above website.

How funds are to be used: Purchase of land, including existing buildings; improvements, including grading, street improvements, utilities, parking lots and landscaping; construction of new facilities or modernizing, renovating or converting existing facilities; purchase of long-term machinery and equipment.

Resource: National



Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

Quick summary: Loans and grants to organizations that will set up a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund for micro entrepreneurs and/or provide them technical assistance

Keywords: Economic development grants & loans, Small business & entrepreneurs, Tribal grants & loans

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Ted Anderson, Revolving Loan Programs, (509) 924-7350 Ext 115, ted.anderson@wa.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-microentrepreneur-assistance-program/wa>

Purpose: Provide loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs) to: (1) provide microloans for microenterprise startups and growth through a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund; (2) provide training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro entrepreneurs.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: *To be an MDO:* Nonprofits, federally-recognized tribes, institutions of higher learning. *To receive microloans or TA from the MDO:* Businesses with 10 or fewer full-time employees that are located in rural areas outside a city or town with a population of less than 50,000.

Application process: Applications accepted annually through a competitive process. A Notice of Solicitation for Applications (NOSA) is posted in the Federal Register and on Grants.gov.

Availability of funds: Grants up to \$205,000 annually to provide technical assistance to rural micro-entrepreneurs or microenterprises. Requires at least 15% match. Loans of \$50,000 - \$500,000 to establish a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund managed by the MDO. Total aggregate debt capped at \$2.5 million.

How funds are to be used: Microloans are for business activities, such as for working capital; debt refinancing; purchase of equipment and supplies; improving real estate.

Resource: National



Small Business Vouchers Pilot

Quick summary: Provide small businesses in technology with access to national laboratories

Keywords: Economic development, Energy, Small business & entrepreneurs

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

Contact: David Kistin, (505) 205-3598, info@sbv.org

Website URL: <https://www.sbv.org/a/index>

Purpose: Provide U.S. small businesses in technology with access to the expertise and facilities of its national laboratories.

Who is eligible: U.S. businesses with fewer than 500 employees working on advanced energy products and services in any of nine technology areas: advanced manufacturing; bioenergy; building technologies; fuel cells; geothermal power; solar power; water power; wind power; or vehicles. Round 3 grants were completed in 2017; unclear if future funding is planned.

Application process: Competitive process outlined on website.

Availability of funds: Up to \$20M total to support ~ 100 small businesses by issuing national lab vouchers valued between \$50,000 and \$300,000 per company.

Resource: National



StartUp Washington

Quick summary: Information and technical assistance for entrepreneurs and small businesses, including a rural focus

Keywords: Economic development, Small business & entrepreneurs, Small business loans, Technical assistance, Training

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Commerce

Contact: 2001 6th Ave., Suite 2600, Seattle, WA 98121, 206-26-6155

Website URL: <http://startup.choosewashingtonstate.com/programs/>

Purpose: Build local economies by serving the needs of business startups, entrepreneurs and small business. Programs include: Fund Local (startup loans), Growing Rural Economies (helping entrepreneurs), Rural Small Business Initiative, StartUp 365 (in Asotin and Whitman counties), Disaster Preparedness and Recovery, Global Entrepreneurship Month, and Northwest Economic Development Course (intensive training).

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Entrepreneurs and small businesses in Washington state.

Application process: Varies by program; see website.

Availability of funds: Loans up to \$50,000 through Fund Local program.

Resource: State



Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Quick summary: Advice and training to new small businesses succeed

Keywords: Economic development, Small business & entrepreneurs, Technical assistance, Training

Agency/Organization: Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

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Contact: PO Box 1495, Spokane, WA 99210, <http://wsbdc.org/about/our-leadership-staff/#tab-id-2>
(for list of advisors in specific locations)

Website URL: <http://wsbdc.org>

Purpose: Help small businesses grow and sustain. In partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration, SBDC is a network of business advisors, trainers, and support staff who operate from Washington State University, Western Washington University, several of the state's community and technical colleges, and selected economic development agencies.

Types of assistance: Free services including customized one-on-one advising designed to assist and inform business owners and managers to help them make better informed business decisions, especially about starting a new business, growth opportunities and export opportunities. Also provides online and specialty training.

Resource: State



Washington State Microenterprise Association

Quick summary: Membership organization to promote micro-entrepreneur opportunities

Keywords: Economic development, Small business & entrepreneurs

Agency/Organization: Washington State Microenterprise Association

Contact: 1437 South Jackson Street, Seattle, WA 98144, 253-661-0930

Website URL: <http://www.wamicrobiz.org/>

Purpose: Champion collaboration for economic justice where every micro-entrepreneur has equal access to economic development resources. Services to member organizations and entrepreneurs include: (1) networking opportunities; (2) self-employment education and assistance; (3) technical assistance and resources to member microenterprise development programs; (4) web-based directory of all Washington microenterprise resources .

Resource: State



TRIBAL PROGRAMS



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Note: The programs listed here are for tribes only. For other programs for which federally recognized tribes are eligible, see the Index for the keyword “Tribal programs.”

Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) – Tribal Voucher and Food Pantry Providers

Quick summary: Funds and assistance for tribal food programs

Keywords: Food assistance, Low-income & underserved, Tribal programs

Agency/Organization: Washington State Department of Agriculture

Contact: Kim Eads; General Information: (360) 725-5640, foodassistance@agr.wa.gov

Website URL: <https://agr.wa.gov/FoodProg/EFAPTribe.aspx>

Purpose: Alleviate hunger in the state of Washington by providing funds, technical assistance, and information to community programs that deliver emergency food and services to hungry people.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Clients served are those who do not have the resources to feed themselves and their families. Tribes may have additional requirements that must be in writing. Tribal providers are eligible if they are Federally Recognized or are a Non-Federally Recognized Tribe that is a registered nonprofit organization with federal 501C3 status. Tribes may also apply through their choice of a tribal organization that is willing to serve as a contractor or administrator of the program. Currently 18 tribes apply through either Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington or South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency.

Application process: Tribes participating in the food pantry program may apply directly to the state per the state’s Centennial Accord. Eligible tribes submit applications in May of odd years.

Availability of funds: State General Funds support 31 tribes. WSDA awards biennial contracts every two years for the tribal food pantry and voucher program.

How funds are to be used: Tribes can use their EFAP funds to support a food voucher program, food pantry activities, or a combination of both. The vouchers are exchanged for food at grocery stores. State funding may pay for: administrative costs; operational costs and for the face value of vouchers. For pantries, state funding may pay for: administrative costs; operational costs (such as rent, salaries, gasoline for vehicles and supplies); purchase of food; nutrition training for staff and clients; and equipment purchases and repairs.

Resource: Tribal



Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Quick summary: Monthly food packages for income eligible households on Indian reservations, and residing in approved areas near reservations

Keywords: Family services, Food & nutrition, Low-income & underserved, Tribal programs

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service

Contact: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, USDAFoods@fns.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdpir/about-fdpir>

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Purpose: Provides USDA foods to income eligible households living on Indian reservations, and to American Indian households residing in approved areas near reservations.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Low-income American Indian and non-Indian households residing on a reservation, and households living in approved areas near a reservation that contain at least one person who is a member of a Federally-recognized tribe. Households are certified based on financial (e.g., income) and nonfinancial standards set by the federal government, and must be recertified at least every 12 months, with elderly and disabled households certified for up to 24 months. Households may not participate in FDPIR and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the same month.

Application process: Contact your SDA/Indian Tribal Organization (ITO), or the [FNS Regional Office](#), or email: USDAFoods@fns.usda.gov

Types of assistance: Food assistance; each month, participating households may select from more than 70 products in a food package to help maintain a nutritionally balanced diet.

Tribal areas served: Colville, Lummi, Makah, Quileute, Quinault, Spokane, Yakama; plus 15 tribes served by Small Tribes of Western Washington Food Distribution Program, and Spokane and Kalispel served by South Puget Inter-Tribal Planning Agency

Resource: National



Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

Quick summary: Grants for housing, community facilities and economic development for low- and moderate-income persons

Keywords: Economic development grants, Housing grants, Infrastructure grants, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Contact: Northwest Office of Native American Programs, 909 1st Avenue, Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98104-1000, (206) 220-5270

Website URL:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/icdbg

Purpose: Provide direct grants for use in developing viable Indian and Alaska Native Communities, including housing, community facilities, and economic opportunities, primarily for low and moderate income persons.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Any federally recognized Indian tribe, band, group, or nation or Alaska Native village; in some cases, tribal organizations may be eligible.

Availability of funds: Two categories of grants: *Imminent Threat grants*: funded on a first-come-first-served basis to eliminate or lessen imminent threats to public health or safety; and *Single Purpose grants*: competitive process through an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) published on [Grants.gov](#).

Resource: National



National Center on Tribal Early Childhood Development

Quick summary: Information and technical assistance for Tribal organizations providing child care

Keywords: Children, Early learning & care, Technical assistance, Tribal programs

Agency/Organization: HHS Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care

Contact: 330 C Street, SW, Washington DC 20201, nctecd@ecetta.info, 877-296-2401. For Tribal CCDF contacts, see list at <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/tribal-ccdf-contacts-state>.

Website URL: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/centers/national-center-tribal-early-childhood-development>

Purpose: Help Tribal grantees with the administration and implementation of Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) programs, including providing technical assistance, a toll-free information and referral line, peer learning opportunities, and distance learning.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Tribal organizations providing or interested in increasing child care opportunities in Native American communities.

Resource: National



Native American Library Services: Basic Grants

Quick summary: Grants for library staff to attend or give presentations at conferences, and for on-site professional library assessment.

Keywords: Arts & heritage grants, Education grants, Libraries & museums grants, Tribal grants

Agency/Organization: Institute of Museum and Library Services

Contact: Dr. Sandra Toro, Senior Grants Management Specialist, 202-653-4662, rdale@imls.gov

Website URL: <https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/native-american-library-services-basic-grants>

Purpose: Provide funding for library staff to attend continuing education courses and training workshops on- or off-site, for library staff to attend or give presentations at conferences related to library services, and to hire a consultant for an on-site professional library assessment.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Indian tribes, Alaska native villages, regional corporations, and village corporations. Entities such as libraries, schools, tribal colleges, or departments of education are *not* eligible applicants, but may be involved in administration of this program or serve as project directors, in partnership with an eligible applicant.

Application process: Noncompetitive and distributed in equal amounts among eligible applicants through a Notice of Funding Opportunity on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or above website.

How funds are to be used: *Basic Grants:* support existing library operations and maintain core library services. *Education/Assessment Option:* supplemental to Basic Grants, provide funding to hire a consultant for on-site professional library assessment or for library staff to (a) attend continuing education courses and training workshops on- or off-site, or (b) attend or give presentations at conferences related to library services, and (c) hire a consultant for an on-site professional library assessment.

Availability of funds: \$6,000 or \$7,000 for one year.

Resource: National



Substantially Underserved Trust Area (SUTA)

Quick summary: Loans for electric, telecommunications, water and sewer infrastructure in underserved tribal communities

Keywords: Infrastructure loans, Telecommunications loans, Tribal loans, Water loans

Agency/Organization: Rural Utilities Service (RUS), USDA

Contact: Tedd Buelow, Native American Coordinator, USDA Rural Development, Denver Federal Center, Building 56, Room 2300, PO Box 25426, Denver, CO 80225-0426, (720) 544-2911, tedd.buelow@wdc.usda.gov

Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/initiatives/substantially-underserved-trust-area-suta>

Purpose: Finance improvements in electric, telecommunications, water and sewer infrastructure in underserved tribal communities.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Tribes, and those non-tribal entities that are eligible under RUS's regular loan and grant program authorities and that can document that tribes in their service area agree with the proposed project.

Availability of funds: The statute gives the RUS discretionary authority to offer interest rates as low as 2%; waive certain requirements; and give eligible applications the highest funding priority.

Resource: National



U.S. EPA Grant Programs for Tribes

Quick summary: Grants and assistance to federally recognized tribes for programs to protect human health and the environment

Keywords: Education grants, Health grants, Natural resources/environment grants, Research, Tribal grants, Waste management grants, Water grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Contact: American Indian Environmental Office, Mail Code: 2690M, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460, or web form at <https://www.epa.gov/tribal/forms/contact-us-about-environmental-protection-indian-country>

Website URL: : <https://www.epa.gov/tribal/grant-programs-tribes>

Purpose: Protect human health and the environment. Specific areas: air, education, enforcement, environmental multimedia, place-based programs, research and science, toxics, waste, and water.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: Varies, but generally for federally recognized tribes.

Application process: Varies.

Resource: National



Water and Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands

Quick summary: Grants for safe, reliable drinking water and waste disposal facilities/services

Keywords: Infrastructure grants, Tribal grants, Waste management grants, Water grants

Agency/Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Contact: Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1510, Rm 5135, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, (202)720-9540

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Website URL: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-grants-alleviate-health-risks-tribal-lands-and-colonias>

Purpose: Provide access to safe, reliable drinking water and waste disposal facilities and services to low-income communities that face significant health risks.

Type of organization: Government

Who is eligible: State and local governmental entities serving eligible areas, nonprofit organizations, federally-recognized Tribes; project area must be federally recognized tribal lands, or rural areas/towns with populations of 10,000 or less.

Application process: Applications accepted year-round. See website.

How funds are to be used: Construction of basic drinking water and waste disposal systems, including storm drainage.

Resource: National



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