LEWIS COUNTY .09 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

APPLICATION CRITERIA

Purpose

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

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

Examples of Allowable Uses

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

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

Attorney General's Office

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

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

Contact Information

Applicant:		Project Title:		
Contact:		Date:		
Phone #:		Email:		
Address:		City, State, Zip:		
Loan Request Amount		Grant Request Amount		
By signing you confirm you have authority to submit this application for .09 funds on behalf of your organization. I affirm that the information is correct to my knowledge.				
Signature:		Signatory's Position:		

Submission Requirements:

- All applications must be completed, signed, and submitted either electronically or in person by 5 p.m. on the deadline date. Please submit to the Economic Alliance of Lewis County office or email to todd@lewiscountyalliance.org
- The applicant must send a representative to the .09 committee meeting. The representative must be prepared to present to the committee. Please provide any additional resources prior to the meeting.
- .09 meeting schedule and submission deadlines can be found on the Alliance website at <u>www.lewiscountyalliance.org</u>

QUALIFICATIONS

Does Your Project Qualify?

Per RCW 82.14.370, the .09 funds may only be used to:

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Which Public Facility Is Your Project?

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

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

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

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

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

YOUR PROJECT

What is your "Public Facilities" project?

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

Description:

How Will This Project Create Or Retain Business Or Jobs?

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

Description:

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

What Will Be The Cost Of The Project?

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

Total Project Cost:		Requested Amount:		
Loan	Amount:	Grant (Limit \$250.000)	Amount:	

What Is The Timeline To Completion?

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

Description:		

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

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COMMITTEE EVALUATION

Committee Use Only -- Do Not Fill Out

Economic Benefits

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

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

Readiness to Proceed

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

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