Infrastructure Grant Opportunities

Emergency Loan Program, Public Works Board
http://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/pwb-financing/
The Emergency Construction Loan Program focuses on the activities that repair, replace, and/or reconstruct a facility that will restore essential services. Applications are accepted continuously until loan funds are expended.

Water Quality Grant Opportunities and Assistance

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)
http://www.rcac.org/
http://www.rcac.org/lending/environmental-loans/
RCAC offers loans to finance water and waste facility projects. RCAC’s loan program is unique — it provides the early funds small rural communities need to determine project feasibility and to pay pre-development costs prior to receiving state and federal funding. Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in RCAC’s service region.

Rural Water Loan Fund (RWLF)
http://nrwa.org/initiatives/revolving-loan-fund/
The RWLF provides low-cost loans for short-term repair costs, small capital projects, or pre-development costs associated with larger projects to small water and wastewater utilities.

USDA Rural Development
http://www.rd.usda.gov/wa
Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program
https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities%20-direct-loan-grant-program/wa
Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program
http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-wastedisposal-loan-grant-program/wa
Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities, population under 2,500, water & waste disposal projects
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants
https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/emergencycommunity-water-assistance-grants
Washington State Contacts
https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices/wa
Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency
Application Due: September 17, 2020

Drought Resiliency:
Application Due: August 5, 2020

Eligibility for both: An eligible applicant is a state, Indian tribe, irrigation district, water district, or other organization with water or power delivery authority. Applicants must also be located in the Western United States or Territories as identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, as amended and supplemented; specifically: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/currentopportunities/community-development-block-grants/
Assist local governments in carrying out community and economic development projects that principally benefit LMI persons. Economic Opportunity Grants Application accepted year-round on a funds available basis.

Material for the next application cycle will be available in March 2020 with applications due June 3, 2020. For reference purposes only, please see the 2019 General Purpose Grant Application Handbook, including forms and instructions. General Purpose Grant applications will be submitted online using ZoomGrants for the 2020 grant cycle.

COVID-19 Response
In response to the COVID-19 emergency, Commerce is distributing these CDBG fund sources to city and county governments for economic, housing and public services provided locally.
- $1.8 million has been distributed through the CDBG Economic Opportunity Grants for COVID-19 Response Services
- Additional funds are available through the state’s supplemental CDBG – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds through the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Please visit the state’s CDBG-CV Fund page for additional information on these funds.
- CDBG COVID-19 Response Funding FAQs

Cultural Program Grant Opportunities
Cultural Opportunities – Humanities Washington
https://www.humanities.org/program/grants/
Communities around Washington have important stories to tell and issues to discuss. Humanities Washington’s grants program provides the financial resources for people to come together to talk, discuss, debate, feel, think, and tell stories through the lens of the humanities. They support existing efforts as well as new opportunities for grassroots projects conceived and implemented locally.

Opportunity grants: Are available to small or rural organizations for public humanities presentations. Opportunity grants do not require a funding match, and organizations may request up to $1,000. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year, and until all funds are distributed.

Main Street Program – Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
https://dahp.wa.gov/local-preservation/main-street-program
Since 1984, the Washington State Main Street Program has been helping communities revitalize the economy, appearance, and image of their downtown commercial districts using the successful Main Street Four-Point Approach®. Main Street is a comprehensive, incremental approach to revitalization built around a community’s unique heritage and attributes. Using local resources and initiative, the state program helps communities develop their own strategies to stimulate long term economic growth and pride in the heart of the community- downtown.
**Art Works & Challenge America & Our Town & Research:** Art Works Program, National Endowment for the Arts
https://www.arts.gov/grants/apply-grant/grants-organizations

**Second Grants for Arts Projects Deadline:**
**Part 1** - Submit to Grants.gov: July 9, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time
Prepare application material so that it’s ready to upload when the Applicant Portal opens

**Part 2** - Submit to Applicant Portal: July 14-21, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time
Earliest Announcement of Grant Award or Rejection: April 2021
Earliest Beginning Date for National Endowment for the Arts Period of Performance: June 1, 2021

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**Funding Resource Websites**

**Public Works Board: Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF)**
PWTF provides financial and technical assistance to communities for critical public health, safety, and environmental infrastructure.
http://www.pwb.wa.gov/

**Transportation Improvement Board Urban and Rural Programs (TIB)**
The TIB distributes grant funding to cities and counties for transportation projects.
http://www.tib.wa.gov/

**Community Planning Assistance Teams (CPAT) – American Planning Association WA Chapter**
http://www.washington-apa.org/community-planning-assistance-teams
CPAT members include planners with expertise in land use, transportation, economic development, urban design, natural resources, parks and recreation, and historic preservation.

**Transportation Programs (WSDOT & FHA)**
WSDOT administers funding for the following programs: Bridge, Transportation Enhancement, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety, Safe Routes to School, Public Transportation and Mobility, and other transportation related programs.
http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/localprograms/ProgramMgmt/funding.htm

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB)**
RCFB helps finance recreation and conservation projects throughout the state, improving the state’s quality of life through its investment of public funds in parks, trails, beaches, boating facilities, wildlife habitat, and natural areas.
http://www.rco.wa.gov/

**USDA Rural Development**
USDA Rural Development is dedicated to improving the quality of life and expanding the economic opportunity for rural American by providing various loan and grant programs to help meet the diverse needs of small rural communities for housing, businesses, and critical infrastructure.

**Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program**
http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/wa

**Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program**
http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/wa

**Business & Industry Loan Guarantees**
http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees/wa

**Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC)**
The IACC is a resource for locating infrastructure funding or technical assistance in Washington State.
http://www.infrafunding.wa.gov/index.html

**Washington Department of Commerce**
https://www.commerce.wa.gov/open-grants-loans/

**DonorSearch**
Classes: https://www.donorsearch.net/donorsearch-classes/
Catalog: https://www.donorsearch.net/white-papers/
Energy Saving Performance Contracting (ESPC)
Washington General Administration program that assists colleges, cities and towns, counties, school districts, hospital districts, library districts, port districts, and more with selecting and financing solutions for building energy upgrades for energy saving projects such as: energy management systems, interior and exterior lighting, boiler replacement and repair of steam distribution systems, high efficiency HVAC systems, LED traffic systems, wastewater treatment plant pumps and motors.
http://www.des.wa.gov/services/facilities/Energy/ESPC/Pages/default.aspx

Municipal Research and Service Center (MRSC)
Much of the funding for larger city and county capital transportation projects comes from grants and loans made by federal and state agencies. Almost all federal funds are ‘passed through’ a state agency filter. Major agencies involved in funding transportation grants and loans are listed on this page.
http://mrsc.org/Home/Explore‐Topics/Transportation/Transportation‐Funding/State‐and‐Federal‐Transportation‐Grants‐and‐Loans.aspx

Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB)
Administers funds for the protection and restoration of salmon habitat.
https://www.rco.wa.gov/salmon_recovery/index.shtml

Washington Department of Ecology
Ecology grants and loans include funding for: air quality, coastal zone management, environmental education, flood control, shoreline management, spill response, waste management, water quality, and watershed management.
https://ecology.wa.gov/About‐us/How‐we‐operate/Grants‐loans

Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division
Homeland security, hazard mitigation, disaster assistance, and emergency management preparedness assistance grants.
http://mil.wa.gov/grants

Grants.gov
Federal grants resource.
http://www.grants.gov/

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
Tracks over $10 million federal dollars obligated to domestic assistance programs and provides links to Federal grant programs web sites. Type in a keyword to see what is available.
https://www.cfda.gov/

Secretary of State – Washington State Library
Provides opportunities for Competitive/Criteria Grants, the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference Scholarships, and Professional Development Grants.
https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/libraries/grants/

National Center for Mobility Grants
https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/grants/

Grant Writing Websites and Learning Opportunities

Proposal Writing
Build the essential knowledge and skills to craft effective grant proposals.
http://grantspace.org/topics/proposal‐writing/

Growing Your Business: A Guide to Grant Writing
This site provides a short overview of the most important items to include with a grant proposal.
http://www.businessinsurance.org/guide‐to‐grant‐writing/
A to Z Grant Writing
This invigorating and informative course will teach you how to raise needed funds. This course speaks mainly to nonprofit organizations, schools, religious institutions, and municipalities seeking grants from foundation, corporate, government, and individual donors. It’s also an excellent primer for individuals wishing to become grant writing consultants or community grant writing volunteers.
https://www.ed2go.com/lccbic/SearchResults.aspx?SearchTerms=a+to+z+grantwriting

Get Grants
Over the 6-week on-line course you’ll be shown step-by-step the process of grant proposal writing, whether you are tackling a federal grant, one from a national private foundation or a smaller grant from your local foundation.
https://www.ed2go.com/lccbic/online-courses/get-grants?tab=detail

Writing Effective Grant Proposals
Preparing successful grant proposals to receive funding from corporations or foundations requires careful research, meticulous preparation, and graceful writing. Grant administrators tell us that many grant requestors have no real understanding of the proposal writing process and as a result, their worthy causes lose out.
https://www.ed2go.com/lccbic/online-courses/writing-effective-grant-proposals

Grant writing resource information
https://www.ruralcenter.org/resource-library/federal-grant-writing-manual

Disclaimer:
Program availability and deadlines were collected from information available as of July 1, 2020.

If you have questions about these funding opportunities, please feel free click the link. If you find an opportunity and would like CWCOG support or assistance in applying for funding, please feel free to contact Bill Fashing at (360) 577-3041.

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