# IACC

## INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

# 2014 Conference

# Together We Build Infrastructure

## September 30 - October 2, 2014
### *Wenatchee Convention Center*

IACC wants you to know that you and your community are not alone, together we build infrastructure. To help you run your infrastructure systems, we've lined up sessions on a variety of topics, including:

- Keynote Speaker: Maia Bellon, Director, Department of Ecology
- General Session: Sustainable Infrastructure: Creating Increased Value with Existing Spending
- Planning for sustainable infrastructure systems, both in the long-term and the short term
- The pros and cons of using different financing tools for your infrastructure project
- How to successfully qualify for, apply for, and manage government loan and grant contracts
- Social Event at the nearby Pybus Public Market
- Several new sessions with a strong tribal focus (see list on the bottom of page 6)
- And more!

Pre-arranged 'Tech Team' meetings to help you develop a funding strategy for a community infrastructure project will again be available on Tuesday morning, and we'll be hosting the sixth annual IACC Awards Ceremony on Wednesday. And, of course, you will have the opportunity to talk with people from other communities about their projects, and meet face to face with funding, regulatory, and technical assistance staff.

We look forward to seeing you in Wenatchee in September!

*IACC Planning Committee*

## Sixth Annual IACC Awards

Nominations are being sought for the sixth annual Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) Awards. IACC is seeking nominations for outstanding achievement in Public Works Projects throughout the State. IACC Awards will be presented at the awards luncheon during the IACC Conference in Wenatchee on Wednesday, October 1st. Nominations are due Monday, August 29th.

The purpose of the IACC Awards is to acknowledge outstanding achievement by IACC members, local governments and individuals whose efforts best showcase the mission of IACC. Nominees should clearly demonstrate a commitment to communities, the infrastructure that make communities livable, creative problem solving, or demonstrate a lifetime of success in these areas.

Nominations can be made in one of the following categories:
• Best community impact project;
• Best transportation project;
• Best solid- or wastewater project;
• Best drinking water project;
• Best local capital facilities project;
• Best use of creative solutions; and
• The Joe Mitschelen Lifetime Achievement award for public service.

The nominees will be evaluated based upon how well local communities were involved in the project nominated, net benefit to the communities served, a clear pattern of sustainable community development, and a creative use of funding and cost savings.

For details on how to nominate individuals or organization for the IACC Awards for Outstanding Public Works Projects please visit www.infrafunding.wa.gov. Nominations must be postmarked or submitted to the IACC by **Monday, August 29, 2013, at 5 p.m.**

Nomination forms, instructions and other information about the awards may be obtained by:
•     Visiting www.infrafunding.wa.gov
•     Contacting Russell Holter at 360.586.3533 or russell.holter@dahp.wa.gov
•     Contacting Jim Wilson at 509.590.7310 or Jwilson@rcac.org

# Funding Assistance Tech Teams

Do you have an infrastructure improvement project that you know you have to tackle, but aren't sure how to pay for it? Would you like to meet with funding program staff to learn how to find the dollars for your specific project? If so, we have an opportunity for you!

On Tuesday morning, September 30, we will organize a "Tech Team" meeting with staff from a variety of funding programs. At the Tech Team meeting, you will have the opportunity to present your project to funding program staff, and then learn if their programs may be able to help your project. The Tech Team members will also help you develop a list of next steps for pursuing your project.

If this sounds like something you could benefit from, please contact Cathi Read by September 5, 2014 at 360-725-3016 or cathi.read@commerce.wa.gov.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to limits on staff resources, all requests for meetings may not be accommodated. There is required project information that must be submitted to participate, and Cathi will discuss this when you contact her.

## Conference Registration

**Conference Registration:**

Register at **www.infrafunding.wa.gov/conference.html**
If you do not have internet access please contact Registration at (360) 753-4137.

Credit cards will be accepted for pre-registration only.

Early bird registrations received prior to **September 8** are $185 per person. **After September 8 and onsite registration will be $235.**

**Registration includes:**
- 2 Buffet Breakfasts
- 2 Buffet Lunches
- 2 Beverage/Snack Breaks
- Conference Material
- Access to in-depth project specific technical assistance
- Evening social event at the nearby Pybus Public Market on October 1.

Make check or money orders payable to Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and mail to:
**AWC, 1076 Franklin St SE, Olympia, WA 98501-1346**.

For registration questions, contact Registration at (360) 753-4137 or email at registration@awcnet.org.

**Refund and Cancellation Policy:**

Request for refunds, minus a $25 processing fee, must be received via email by September 23. **No refunds will be made after that date.**

**Special Accommodations:**

Individuals requiring special accommodations may request written material in alternate format, sign language, interpreters, physical accessibility accommodations, or other reasonable accommodations by contacting Betsy Gabel at (360) 725-2759 by **September 8**.

**Wenatchee Hotel Information:**

Conference participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Rooms have been blocked at the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel. Call to arrange for your stay and identify yourself as a participant of the IACC Conference to receive the special conference rates, before **September 15**.

When: September 30-October 2, 2014
Where: Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel
201 N. Wenatchee Avenue
Room Rate: $83 (single)/$103(double) per night
Reservations: (800) 716-6199 or (509) 662-1234

Other hotels nearby with a similar government rate:
Comfort Inn (866) 973-7839
Red Lion (800) 733-5466 or (509) 663-0711
Holiday Inn Express (800) 315-2621 or (509) 663-6355
LaQuinta Inn & Suites (888) 787-5133 or (509) 664-6565

**Scholarships:**

General Scholarships:
A limited number of scholarships will be available to non-city conference attendees based on need and on a first-come-first-served basis.  Scholarships will be for $100 and are limited to one per organization or community.  Those communities that received a scholarship from AWC are not eligible for a General Scholarship.  For more information or to apply for a scholarship, contact Janice Roderick at: 360.704.7739 or janice.roderick@wa.usda.gov. Scholarship request deadline is: **September 8**.

City Scholarships:
The AWC has scholarships for conference registration available to Washington cities.  Small City Scholarships (one per city) are available to cities and towns under 5,000 in population.  Application can be made through the on-line registration system.  Cities over 5,000 in population and who are having financial difficulty, may apply for assistance under the Washington Cities Scholarship Program www.awcnet.org/TrainingEducation/Scholarships.aspx.  For questions about AWC scholarship opportunities, please contact Gina Abram at: 360.753.4137 or ginaa@awcnet.org.

Certificate of Municipal Leadership (CML) Credits
City elected officials will earn 7 credits toward the Certificate of Municipal Leadership and will meet the Community planning and development workshop requirement. For more information please visit www.awcnet.org/cml.

**Exhibitor Tables:**

There will be many people attending the conference who are looking for technical and financial assistance for infrastructure projects. A limited number of tables are available for $435 for non-members and $285 for IACC members.  This includes one table for three days and one full registration.  For more information, or to reserve a table, contact John Carpita at: 206.625.1300 or jcarpita@mrsc.org.

**Sponsorship:**

IACC has been able to maintain a low conference registration fee for local governments with the support of participants like yourself.  If you are interested in being a conference sponsor please contact Janea Eddy at:  360. 725.3151 or janea.eddy@commerce.wa.gov.

**Conference Schedule:**

**Conference officially starts with lunch at 12:00 on Tuesday, September 30.**

**Tuesday:**
7:30 a.m .- 12:00 p.m. Individual Pre-Registered
                    Tech Teams
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker:
    Maia Bellon, Director, Department of Ecology
1:40 p.m. - 5:05 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

**Wednesday:**
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. General Session:
    Sustainable Infrastructure: Creating Increased
    Value with Existing Spending
9:20 - 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. 6th Annual Awards Ceremony
1:30 - 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
5:00 -7:30p.m.  Social Event: Pybus Market
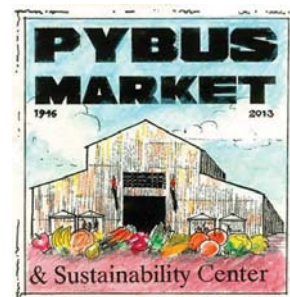
**Thursday:**
8:00 - 11:25 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

**Social Event:**
Pybus Public Market
(http://www.pybuspublicmarket.org/)

Take a walk (or short drive) with us to the Pybus Public Market.  Light appetizers from the local vendors will be served, there will be a no-host bar, the vendors will be open for some shopping and there are several restaurants in the market.

**Scholarships $100.00 increments**
Your company can donate cash to the IACC Scholarship Fund, whose purpose is to help communities that are in a difficult financial situation or in a rural area to attend the IACC conference. Individual scholarship donations will be anonymous to both the recipient and the sponsor.  All sponsors making scholarship donations, however, will be acknowledged during the IACC conference.

**Lunch $500.00**
Your company name and/or logo will be displayed at the entrance of the lunch room thanking you for your support of IACC. Your logo will also be placed on the back of the conference program as an IACC Conference Sponsor. Your sponsorship will help us pay for lunch and keep costs down for the attendees.

**Snack / Beverage Break $250.00**
Your company name and/or logo will be displayed on the table thanking you for your support of IACC. Your logo will also be placed on the back of the attendee program as an IACC Conference Sponsor. Your sponsorship will help us pay for our snack breaks and keep costs down for the attendees.

**Table Sponsors $100.00**
Your company name and/or logo and a brief description of your services will be placed on a table in either the lunch area or the break area. Your logo will also be placed on the back of the Conference Program as an IACC Conference Sponsor. This is a great way to advertise your company's services.

**General Session Sponsor $750.00**
Your company name and/or logo will be placed on a sign at opening session thanking you for your support. Your logo will also be placed on the back of the Conference Program as an IACC Conference Sponsor. Your sponsorship will help us keep costs down for the attendees.

**Business Card Advertisement in Conference Program $150.00**
Place a business card advertisement in the booklet every attendee will receive when they arrive at the conference.

*As sponsorships are received, the sponsors' logos will be posted on the conference website: www.infrafunding.wa.gov.*

If you are interested in being a conference sponsor please contact Janea Eddy at 360.725.3151 or janea.eddy@commerce.wa.gov

# List of Acronyms

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|---|---|
| AWC | Association of Washington Cities |
| CAU | Contracts Adminstration Unit (at Commerce) |
| CDBG | Community Development Block Grant |
| Commerce | Department of Commerce |
| CRAB | County Road Administration Board |
| DAHP | Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation |
| DOH | Department of Health |
| DWSRF | Drinking Water State Revolving Fund |
| Ecology | Department of Ecology |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency |
| ERWOW | Evergreen Rural Water of Washington |
| IHS | Indian Health Services |
| MRSC | Municipal Research and Services Center |
| NEPA | National Environmental Policy Act |
| NHPA | National Historic Preservation Act |
| PWB | Public Works Board |
| RCAC | Rural Community Assistance Corporation |
| RD | USDA Rural Development |
| SEPA | State Environmental Policy Act |
| SERP | State Environmental Review Process |
| TIB | Transportation Improvement Board |
| WSDOT | Washington State Department of Transportation |

This year we are offering several sessions that have a strong tribal focus and/or interest, please check out the following sessions:

S3      Introduction to Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG)
S8      Tribal Funding Program Update Panel – What's new this year?
S12     Overview of the Portland Area IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Program
S17     Introduction to the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act (NPDES and UIC Programs)
S22     USDA RD Community Facility Funding
S27     Small Tribe, Rural Community; Big Waste Water Dreams – A Case Study
S32     Columbia River Treaty between United States and Canada – Renewal Process Coming Up

**Keynote Speaker: Maia Bellon, Director, Department of Ecology**

Maia D. Bellon is Ecology's director, named to the position by Gov. Jay Inslee in February 2013.

Maia began working for Ecology in June 2010 as the deputy program manager for the Water Resources program. On July 1, 2011, Maia became the program's manager and responsible for overseeing a staff of 130 to sustainably manage the state's water resources, including the allocation of water and protection of water rights, instream flows and environmental functions.

Before joining Ecology, Maia served as an assistant attorney general with the Ecology Division of the Washington State Attorney General's Office. In that role she provided both client advice and litigation support for Ecology on a broad array of issues ranging from the State Environmental Policy Act to the Public Records Act.

She was a member of the Waste Section of the Ecology Division from 1994 to 2000. During that time she served as the lead attorney for the underground storage tank program and was Ecology's lead advisor on mining and Model Toxics Control Act voluntary cleanup issues. She also served for two years as the lead attorney for Ecology's Air Quality Program.

From 2000 to 2001 she served as the special assistant to the president for Civil Rights and Legal Affairs at The Evergreen State College. Maia then returned to the Ecology Division of the Attorney General's Office in 2001 and focused her practice on water law for the next nine years. Maia also served on the Executive Committee of the Environmental and Land Use Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association from 2005-2010.

Maia is a graduate of The Evergreen State College and earned her law degree from Arizona State University.

# The conference offially starts with lunch on Tuesday, September 30.

| | Tuesday - Afternoon September 30, 2014 | | | | |
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| **12:00-1:00** | Lunch | | | | |
| **1:00-1:30** | Keynote Speaker Maia Bellon, Director Department of Ecology | | | | |
| **1:40-2:35** | S1 Beyond Brainstorms: Creative Thinking for Tomorrow's Problems | S2 Rural and Small Systems Guide to Sustainable Utility Management | S3 Introduction to Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG) | S4 State CDBG for Rural Communities REPEATED | S5 Ecology's Water Quality Grant and Loan Funding Programs Overview REPEATED |
| **2:55 - 3:50** | S6 Funding Program Update Panel – What's New This Year? REPEATED | S7 Don't Get Lost Planning for Economic and Industrial Development | S8 Tribal Funding Program Update Panel – What's New This Year? | S9 106—Requirement of the National Historic Preservation Act | |
| **4:10-5:05** | S10 Planning for Project Affordability | S11 GRANTS: Increasing your odds of getting funded! | S12 Overview of the Portland Area IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Program | S13 USDA RD Program Overview REPEATED | |

| Wednesday - Morning October 1, 2014 | | | | |
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| **8:00-9:00** S14 General Session: Sustainable Infrastructure: Creating Increased Value With Existing Spending | | | | |
| **9:20 - 10:15** S15 Special Q&A -- Sustainable Infrastructure: Creating Increased Value With Existing Spending | S16 Funding Program Update Panel – What's New This Year? REPEATED | S17 Introduction to the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act (NPDES and UIC Programs) | S18 What's New in SEPA Review for Public Projects? | S19 EAGL is here - Applying for Ecology Grants and Loans |
| **10:35 - 11:30** S20 Mission-driven Branding: Strengthening Your Organization's Value | S21 Budgeting and Capital Facility Planning | S22 USDA RD Community Facility Funding | S23 Make Your Proposal Irresistible! - Developing Stormwater Projects that Grantors Want to Fund | S24 Income Surveys PANEL |

## Wednesday - Afternoon
## October 1,2014

| 11:30-12:30 | Lunch | | | | |
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| 12:30-1:30 | Sixth Annual IACC Awards Ceremony | | | | |
| 1:30-2:25 | S25<br>What Can Our Community Afford? | S26<br>Practical Tools to Reduce Water and Sewer Claims | S27<br>Small Tribe, Rural Community; Big Wastewater Dreams – A Case Study | S28<br>Advance Your Community's Goals with a Bond Cap Allocation | S29<br>Lincoln County Fire District – One Community's Journey to Fund a Community Facility |
| 2:45-3:40 | S30<br>Determining Affordability of Utility Rates...Income Surveys, User Rates and What it Means for Your Funding | S31<br>Environmental Review Requirements for Ecology Loan Projects | S32<br>Columbia River Treaty between United States and Canada – Renewal Process Coming Up | S33<br>RAP and CAPP – Comprehensive Road Preservation Funding Programs for Counties | S34<br>Compliance with Governor's Executive Order 05-05 |
| 4:00-5:00 | S35<br>Diagnose Your Fiscal Health | S36<br>Let Us Help You With Federal Infrastructure Contract Management | S37<br>Finding a balance for Septic Systems (OSS): A Strategic Approach to OSS Management in the Urban Growth Area | S38<br>Roundabouts in Small-Medium Sized Communities: Why Consider Them? | S39<br>American Iron and Steel – Requirements for SRF Loans |
| 5:00-7:30 | Social Event at the Pybus Public Market<br>http://www.pybuspublicmarket.org/ | | | | |

| | Thursday - Morning October 2, 2014 | | | | |
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| **8:00-8:55** | S40<br>What's new with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund<br><br>REPEATED | S41<br>Technical Assistance Teams – What They Can Do For You<br><br>PANEL | S42<br>Planning Your Funding and Funding Your Planning<br><br>PANEL | S43<br>USDA RD Program Overview<br><br>REPEATED | S44<br>Understanding Cultural Resource Issues |
| **9:15-10:10** | S45<br>Asset Management for Small Systems | S46<br>Ecology's Water Quality Grant and Loan Funding Programs Overview<br><br>REPEATED | S47<br>State CDBG for Rural Communities<br><br>REPEATED | S48<br>USDA RD Engineering and Loan Processing | S49<br>Getting the Future Right: the New State Historic Preservation Plan |
| **10:30-11:25** | S50<br>Complying with Davis Bacon Requirements | S51<br>What's New with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund | S52<br>Building Political Support to Fund Your Infrastructure Project | S53<br>Archaeological Predictive Model—A Tool for Considering Potential Development Sites | S54<br>Post Disaster FEMA Funding for Recovery |
| **1:00-4:00** | PWB Business Meeting<br>www.pwb.wa.gov | | | | |

| S1 | **Beyond Brainstorms: Creative Thinking for Tomorrow's Problems** <br> Presenter: <br> Todd Metrokin, Ogilvy Public Relations | Innovative solutions require more than just expertise. They require us to think more creatively. Yet many believe innovative ideas strike randomly like lightning for just a special few. This session will show how we are all capable of innovative ideas with insights into how ideation happens, tools to assess creative thinking ability, and techniques to improve the thinking skills that drive innovation. Todd will also share best practices from innovative leaders and highlight projects from a range of federal and municipal initiatives. | Affordability |
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| S2 | **Rural and Small Systems Guide to Sustainable Utility Management** <br> Presenter: <br> Jim Wilson, Rural Community Assistance Corporation | This session will offer an overview of "Rural and Small Systems Guidebook to Sustainable Utility Management", USDA/EPA's new guidebook followed by a self-assessment exercise. Participants will break into small groups to work with other communities on one highlighted area.  Participants will get an overview of the guide, understand how to choose focus areas, and will learn from other utilities about common problems and solutions. Participants will develop a basic familiarity with the guide's approach and will be prepared to take the next step to create a more sustainable utility. | Utility Management |
| S3 | **Introduction to Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG)** <br> Presenter: <br> Tom Carney, HUD-NwONAP | This session provides an introduction to the ICDBG grant program offered through HUD's Office of Native American Programs.  This competitive grant program ($500,000 maximum) is targeted to primarily serve low income beneficiaries of a tribal community and can fund a wide variety of projects including, community facilities, housing infrastructure, economic development, and water and wastewater systems.  In addition, each year a portion of the funds are used to address imminent threats to health and safety on a non-competitive basis. | Funding Programs |
| S4 | **State CDBG for Rural Communities** <br> Presenter: <br> Kaaren Roe, Commerce <br> REPEATED | What grant program can fund public works, fire stations, farmworker housing, water system plans, local microenterprise assistance programs, senior services, and other community needs?  HUD provides the state Department of Commerce approx. $11 million annually to make grants available to rural (non-entitlement) towns, cities and counties to fund a wide range of activities benefiting lower income persons.  Come learn about the state's CDBG funding opportunities, how your project may be eligible, and potential changes in for 2015. | Funding Programs |

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| S5 | **Ecology's Water Quality Grant and Loan Funding Programs Overview**<br>Presenter:<br>Daniel Thompson, Ecology<br><br>REPEATED | Ecology provides grants and loans for water quality improvement projects throughout the state. In State Fiscal Year 2015 (SFY15), Ecology offered approximately $202 million to help fund 70 projects. This session will provide an overview of Ecology's SFY16 integrated funding cycle that includes 4 funding sources: State Revolving Fund loans, Centennial Clean Water Program grants, Section 319 Program grants, and the Stormwater Grant Program. | Funding Programs |
| S6 | **Funding Program Update Panel – What's New This Year?**<br>Moderator:<br>Cathi Read, Commerce<br>PANEL<br>REPEATED | Come learn about new policies, requirements, and areas of focus for a variety of infrastructure funding programs. Panel members include staff from CDBG, PWB, CERB, DWSRF, Ecology, USDA Rural Development, TIB, and WSDOT. | Funding Programs |
| S7 | **Don't Get Lost Planning for Economic and Industrial Development**<br>Presenter:<br>Bruce Hunt, Commerce | Planning for future economic and industrial development can create long term sustainable economies and a healthy business climate. A good planning process with invested stakeholders and accurate facts and data ensures that the right amount of industrial land is designated to create smart growth, family wage jobs and a healthy local budget for long term infrastructure sustainability. | Land Use Planning |
| S8 | **Tribal Funding Program Update Panel – What's new this year?**<br>**Moderator:**<br>**Lennea Wolfe, Skokomish Tribe**<br>PANEL | Come learn about new policies and application requirements for a variety of infrastructure funding programs that serve Tribes. Panel members include staff from ICDBG, Department of Ecology, USDA Rural Development, and HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant. | Funding Programs |
| S9 | **106—Requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act**<br>Presenter:<br>Russel Holter, Archaeology & Historic Preservation | Projects funded or permitted by a federal agency and which have the potential to affect cultural resources must comply with Section 106 requirements. This session serves as both an orientation and a refresher course. | Environmental Review |
| S10 | **Planning for Project Affordability**<br>Presenter:<br>David Dunn, Ecology | Every water utility strives to provide cost effective and affordable service to their customers.  Funding agencies have a mandate to fund affordable and cost effective projects.  The key questions are "What does it mean for a project to be cost effective?" and, "Who gets to decide if your project is affordable?"  This session will describe the tools used to calculate cost effectiveness and affordability, and teach you the steps to build affordability into your project from the beginning. | Affordability |

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| S11 | **GRANTS:  Increasing your odds of getting funded!**<br>Presenter:<br>Michelle S Mazzola, Resource Solutions LLC | Learn about the 10 Steps you can take to increase the odds of your grant application getting funded.  Professional Grant Writer Michelle Mazzola will share her experience gained while acquiring millions of dollars in federal and state grants for cities/towns/special purpose districts throughout Washington State. | Looking for funding |
| S12 | **Overview of the Portland Area IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Program**<br>Presenter:<br>Matthew Martinson, Indian Health Services | Indian Health Service staff will provide an overview of the Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) program, including project types, eligibility requirements, and project delivery options.  The SFC program provides water supply, sewage disposal and solid waste disposal facilities for American Indian and Alaska Native homes and communities. Program staff work cooperatively with Tribes to identify needed sanitation facilities or improvements, develop projects, and provide planning, design, and technical assistance. | Funding Programs |
| S13 | **USDA RD Program Overview**<br>Presenter:<br>Debbie Harper, USDA Rural Development<br><br>REPEATED | USDA Rural Development staff provides a review of their funding programs. Learn more about the 40 plus programs that USDA offers.  You may not be aware that USDA RD has programs that include Water, Waste Water, Community Facilities, Housing, Business Lending, Electric, Telecommunications and Broadband.  Come, listen and learn! | Funding Programs |
| S14 | **Sustainable Infrastructure: Creating Increased Value With Existing Spending**<br>PANEL:<br>Rhys Roth, Center for Sustainable Infrastructure<br>Steve Moddemeyer, Collins-Woerman<br>Nancy Hamilton, Nancy Hamilton Consulting | Sustainable infrastructure does not count on new money for implementation; rather it focuses on creating increased value for existing government spending. Building from well-documented asset management strategies, this approach to capital budget planning optimizes community value across energy, water, transportation, solid waste and parks systems. The speakers will summarize introductory concepts and case studies and outline practical strategies for implementing the approach. | Sustainability |
| S15 | **Special Q&A -- Sustainable Infrastructure: Creating Increased Value With Existing Spending**<br>PANEL | This special question-and-answer session will immediately follow the general session panel on the same topic, providing opportunity to explore key concepts, case studies, and local applicability in more depth. | Sustainability |
| S16 | **Funding Program Update Panel – What's New This Year?**<br>Moderator:<br>Cathi Read, Commerce<br>PANEL<br>REPEATED | Come learn about new policies, requirements, and areas of focus for a variety of infrastructure funding programs. Panel members include staff from CDBG, PWB, CERB, DWSRF, Ecology, USDA Rural Development, TIB, and WSDOT. | Funding Programs |

| S17 | **Introduction to the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act (NPDES and UIC Programs)**<br>Presenters:<br>Jill Nogi, Environmental Protection Agency<br>Jennifer Parker, Environmental Protection Agency | Introduction to the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act (NPDES and UIC Programs) requirements for facilities regulated by the EPA that discharge treated wastewater effluent.<br><br>This session will inform wastewater treatment plant owners/operators about the federal requirements related to discharges of wastewater effluent to surface waters (NPDES permitting under the CWA) or the use of injection wells for the underground disposal of wastewater effluent (UIC permit or authorization under the SDWA). | Utility Management |
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| S18 | **What's New in SEPA Review for Public Projects**<br>Presenters:<br>Annie Szvetecz, Ecology<br>Fran Sant, Ecology | The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires agencies to ensure a broad range of environmental protections. The process includes requirements for all public agencies throughout the infrastructure planning processes. This session provides a basic overview as well as updated rules for SEPA exemptions and environmental checklist questions. | Environmental Review |
| S19 | **EAGL is here - Applying for Ecology grants and Loans**<br>Presenter:<br>David Dunn, Ecology | Ecology Administration of Grants and Loans (EAGL) is Ecology's new online system for all Ecology funding opportunities. This session will walk you through the EAGL portal and show you the steps to create an account, fill out and submit an application, and submit a payment request. Please bring your applications and get your questions answered. | Looking for funding |
| S20 | **Mission-driven Branding: Strengthening Your Organization's Value**<br>Presenter:<br>Todd Metrokin, Ogilvy Public Relations | For utilities and providers who deliver vital services every day, building a strong relationship with the communities you serve can have a lasting effect on brand recognition and, more importantly, reputation. Establishing these relationships means going beyond the business transaction to connect on more meaningful issues. This session will explore mission-driven branding, including how to develop audience insights, core messages, and a brand platform that will become the foundation for your marketing and public relations efforts. | Utility Management |
| S21 | **Budgeting and Capital Facility Planning**<br>Presenter:<br>Mike Bailey, City of Redmond | Learn about budgeting for capital projects. This session will help you understand policy issues and options. Explore practical ways to implement your CFP and explore funding/financing options. | Contract Management |
| S22 | **USDA RD Community Facility Funding**<br>Presenters:<br>Marti Canatsey, USDA Rural Development<br>Darla O'Connor, USDA Rural Development | USDA Rural Development staff will provide an overview of the types of Essential Community Facilities that are eligible for funding. The session will include valuable tips you shouldn't miss for your next Rural Development Community Facilities application. | Funding Programs |

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| S23 | **Make Your Proposal Irresistible! - Developing Stormwater Projects that Grantors Want to Fund**<br>Presenter:<br>Jessica Schwing, Ecology | In this session, local jurisdictions will learn to think like a reviewer and gain insight on how to develop stormwater projects that will be competitive in Ecology's Water Quality grant program. Participants will gain a better understanding of how Ecology uses grants to meet water quality objectives and will be able to identify key elements that must be present in a successful grant project. This session will also include an update on Ecology's new Stormwater Financial Assistance Program (SFAP). | Funding Programs |
| S24 | **Income Surveys**<br>**Moderator**<br>**Panel**<br>TBD | A multi-agency panel will explain the need for income surveys how to correctly conduct them. | Affordability |
| S25 | **What Can Our Community Afford?**<br>Presenters:<br>Cynthia Wall, Ecology<br>Andy O'Neill, Ecology | How do communities arrive at a decision to select a cost-effective regulatory compliant water or waste water alternative? What financial planning is advised before committing to the suggested alternative? And what is the role of the potential funding agency to ensure the alternative selected is not only technically sound, but financially sound as well? This session will explore how to determine if your project is affordable. | Affordability |
| S26 | **Practical Tools to Reduce Water and Sewer Claims**<br>Presenter:<br>Roger Neal, Association of Washington Cities | This interactive session will focus on the importance of an asset management system as the foundation for reducing claims and liability from water main breaks and sewer system back-ups. It will also show how an asset management system can be used to build the political support needed to fund repairs and strategic replacement of the infrastructure. This session will also address the critical importance of inspection, maintenance and repair documentation. Sample documentation forms will be shared with the participants. | Asset Management |
| S27 | **Small Tribe, Rural Community; Big Waste Water Dreams – A Case Study**<br>PANEL:<br>Lennea Wolfe, Skokomish Tribe<br>Dave Bergdolt, Brown & Caldwell<br>John Wilson, Grey & Osborne<br>Tammie McClure, Ecology<br>Brian Matthews, Mason County | How does a small Tribe with limited resources, located in a rural area, build an MBR plant? This project was envisioned in 1998, launched in 2006 and completed in 2013. This session will cover the journey - from dream to reality – of bringing modern waste water treatment to a small reservation community committed to improving Hood Canal water quality and providing opportunity for housing and economic expansion. The sustained, coordinated efforts of Skokomish tribal officials and staff, county staff, Department of Ecology, and the EPA make a compelling case study. | Case Studies - Real Communities |

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| S28 | **Advance Your Community's Goals with a Bond Cap Allocation**<br>Presenter:<br>Liz Green-Taylor, Commerce | Add Bond Cap to your financing toolbox for projects that have both public and private benefits. Create jobs, support businesses in your community, and take advantage of public/private partnerships for certain types of infrastructure with a Bond Cap allocation. Bond Cap is a tool that facilitates lower-cost financing at tax-exempt rates for projects that would normally only qualify for higher, taxable rates. Are you mystified by the meaning of and uses for tax-exempt private activity bonds? Come to this session to be demystified! | Looking for funding |
| S29 | **Lincoln County Fire District – One Community's Journey to Fund a Community Facility**<br>Presenters:<br>Scott Clemenson, Lincoln County Fire District<br>Brian Belsby, Belsby Engineering | Remote and rural areas face unique challenges to provide emergency response services.  Obtaining funding for community facilites, like Lincoln County's  new Emergency Response Center, present their own chalenges.  Learn how Lincoln County overcame the challenge and met their need.<br><br>Lincoln County Fire District 1 created a publicity campaign to raise awareness of the project need and raise matching funds.  Their story inspired local residents to contribute hundreds of hours of volunteer time. | Case Studies - Real Communities |
| S30 | **Determining Affordability of Utility Rates...Income surveys, User Rates  and What it Means for Your Funding**<br>Presenters:<br>Dan Bannier, Rural Community Assistance Corporation<br>Jim Wilson, Rural Community Assistance Corporation | If you are pursuing state or federal funds for a project, you need to know how affordability is calculated.  This session will explore the who, what, where and why questions that are most commonly found among small community borrowers.  Not only will you learn the importance of the term affordability and how that calculation impacts your customers, you will learn how to position your community to apply for funding and to know how your community's estimated income levels and user rates will be taken into consideration. | Affordability |
| S31 | **Environmental Review Requirements for Ecology Loan Projects**<br>Presenter:<br>Liz Ellis, Ecology | This session will provide an overview of DOE's State Ecology's State Environmental Review Process (SERP) and cross cutter requirements for SRF Funded Projects. Learn what the requirements are and when they are due. | Environmental Review |
| S32 | **Columbia River Treaty between United States and Canada – Renewal Process Coming Up**<br>Presenter:<br>Matt Wynne, Spokane Tribe | The Columbia River Treaty which was signed by Canada and the United States in 1964 comes up for renewal in 2024.  This year the Treaty is open for public comment a.  The session will focus on the Tribal efforts to protect their resources in the Columbia River/Lake Roosevelt area. Come to the session to hear fascinating information about the history of the Spokane Tribe and their efforts with other Tribes to comment on the Treaty renewal and the benefits for all in the Inland Empire. | Case Study |

| S33 | **RAP and CAPP – Comprehensive Road Preservation Funding Programs for Counties**<br>Presenter:<br>Randy Hart, County Road Administration Board | CRAB - County Rural Administration Board - addresses the needs of county rural arterial roads through the Rural Arterial Program. The RAP program addresses all major road condition deficiencies through rating criteria which are listed in statute.  Counties set program policies, establish project rating criteria and deliver the funded projects, all with CRAB assistance and oversight. | Transportation |
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| S34 | **Compliance with Governor's Executive Order 05-05**<br>Presenter:<br>Russel Holter, Archaelogy & Historic Preservation | Learn how to implement a state GEO 05-05 review, in compliance with Executive Order 05-05. Learn what is required to comply with the executive order and how these requirements for environmental review work hand-in-hand with SEPA and Section 106. | Environmental Review |
| S35 | **Diagnose Your Fiscal Health**<br>Presenter:<br>Sheri Sawyer, State Auditor's Office | State and local governments face increasing challenges.  To help local officials assess and monitor their financial health the State Auditor's Office (SAO) is developing essential tools to help  that will help you diagnose your financial health.<br>• Review key practices for sound financial management.<br>• Discover what the SAO is developing to make your job easier as stewards of public resources and provide your input!<br>• Case studies of responses to the economic downturn, and new strategies to respond to fiscal bad news. | |
| S36 | **Let us Help you With Federal Infrastructure Contract Management**<br>Presenter:<br>Cathy Brockman, Commerce | This session will  assist you in managing the federal requirements that come with the federally funded grant and loans managed by the Contracts Administration Unit of the Department of Commerce. The session will include: Davis Bacon wages, Buy American, and Procurement as well as other requirements of the programs. | Contract Management |
| S37 | **Finding a balance for Septic Systems (OSS): A Strategic Approach to OSS Management in the Urban Growth Area**<br>Presenters:<br>Diane Utter, P.E., City of Olympia<br>Lynn Schneider, Health | Septic Systems inside the sewer service area are an ongoing challenge for utilities.  However, balancing the needs of property owners, the wastewater utility, and the environment is possible.  Learn about the City of Olympia's Septic to Sewer program as well as fresh approaches for managing new septic systems, septic repairs, and conversions to public sewer.   Additional management strategies available for managing OSS in urban environments will also be presented. | Utility Management |
| S38 | **Roundabouts in Small-Medium Sized Communities: Why Consider Them?**<br>Presenters:<br>Brian Walsh, P.E., Transportation<br>Dave Kliewer, P.E., J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc.<br>Spencer Montgomery, J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc. | A panel will discuss the value of roundabouts for small to medium communities from the perspectives of WSDOT and consultants.  Costs and benefits will be examined as well as maintenance and sustainability factors.  Double and single lane roundabouts will be explored and conclusions will be presented about lessons learned from past projects. | Transportation |

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| S39 | **American Iron and Steel – Requirements for SRF Loans** Presenters: David Dunn, Ecology Joseph Crossland, Health | You may have heard that congress has added an "American Iron and Steel" requirements for projects funded through SRF loans. Staff from Department of Ecology and Department of Health will answer all your questions about American Iron and Steel, including: "What materials have to be domestically produced?" "What documentation do I need?", and "Can I get a waiver from the requirement?" | Contract Management |
| S40 | **What's New with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund** Presenter: Karen Klocke, Health REPEATED | DOH is offering a new pre-construction loan for preconstruction activities such as planning, design, environmental review, and cultural review that need to be in place prior to obtaining construction loans. DOH is also offering funding opportunities for consolidation/restructuring water systems and technical assistance opportunities for water systems in need of technical/managerial/financial guidance. Join us for a complete update. | Funding Programs |
| S41 | **Technical Assistance Teams – What They Can Do For You** Moderator: Bruce Lund, PWB PANEL | Come hear highlights of 3 successful communities that have used the tech team process to move their projects forwards. Learn how they work so you can organize your own. | Looking for funding |
| S42 | **Planning Your Funding and Funding Your Planning** Moderator: Phyllis Cole, Commerce PANEL | Looking for funding for your pre-construction/planning project? A panel of funders will share about various funding opportunities, including CDBG, DOH, USDA-RD, and Ecology. Come learn who's eligible for what, and how to apply. | Funding Programs |
| S43 | **USDA RD Program Overview** Presenter: Debbie Harper, USDA Rural Development REPEATED | USDA Rural Development staff provides a review of their funding Programs. Learn more about the 40 plus programs that USDA offers. You may not be aware that USDA RD has programs that include Water, Waste Water, Community Facilities, Housing, Business Lending, Electric, Telecommunications and Broadband. Come, listen and learn! | Funding Programs |
| S44 | **Understanding Cultural Resource Issues** Presenter: Russel Holter, Archaelogy & Historic Preservation | What are Cultural Resources and why are they complicating my project? Discuss the importance of protection of your local cultural resources and their role in providing a community identity for future generations. | Environmental Review |
| S45 | **Asset Management for Small Systems** Presenter: Mark "Bubba" Scott, Pend Oreille County PUD #1/Public Works Board | What is Asset Management? This session is an introduction to asset management (AM) for elected officials, policy makers, commissioners and the general public. Discover, in non-technical terms, how an effective AM program assists your utility in operating effectively at the least possible cost and how AM can benefit long-term infrastructure planning. | Asset Management |

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| S46 | **Ecology's Water Quality Grant and Loan Funding Programs Overview**<br>Presenter:<br>Daniel Thompson, Ecology<br>REPEATED | Ecology provides grants and loans for water quality improvement projects throughout the state. In State Fiscal Year 2015 (SFY15), Ecology offered approximately $202 million to help fund 70 projects. This session will provide an overview of Ecology's SFY16 integrated funding cycle that includes 4 funding sources: State Revolving Fund loans, Centennial Clean Water Program grants, Section 319 Program grants, and the Stormwater Grant Program. | Funding Programs |
| S47 | **State CDBG for Rural Communities**<br>Presenter:<br>Kaaren Roe, Commerce<br>REPEATED | What grant program can fund public works, fire stations, farmworker housing, water system plans, local microenterprise assistance programs, senior services, and other community needs? HUD provides the state Department of Commerce approx. $11 million annually to make grants available to rural (non-entitlement) towns, cities and counties to fund a wide range of activities benefiting lower income persons. Come learn about the state's CDBG funding opportunities, how your project may be eligible, and potential changes in for 2015. | Funding Programs |
| S48 | **USDA RD Engineering and Loan Processing**<br>Presenters:<br>Dave Dunnell, USDA Rural Development<br>Rick Rose, USDA Rural Development | Want to submit an application to USDA Rural Development? This session covers the basics regarding the engineering, underwriting and loan processing criteria that RD is looking for. Don't miss this one! | Looking for funding |
| S49 | **Getting the Future Right: the New State Historic Preservation Plan**<br>Presenter:<br>Greg Griffith, Archaeology & Historic Preservation<br>Katie Franks, City of Bellingham | Washington has a new state historic preservation plan. "What's that?" Come to this session to gain an overview of what the Plan is all about, its goals and tasks, and how your community can play a vital role. | |
| S50 | **Complying with Davis Bacon Requirements**<br>Presenters:<br>David Dunn, Ecology<br>Cathy Brockman, Commerce | Funding agency staff will provide an overview of the federal prevailing wage laws and what recipients of federal funding must do to comply. Information on the specific requirements for each DOE and COM funding program will also be provided. | Contract Management |
| S51 | **What's New with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**<br>Presenter:<br>Karen Klocke, Health<br>REPEATED | DOH is offering a new pre-construction loan for preconstruction activities such as planning, design, environmental review, and cultural review that need to be in place prior to obtaining construction loans. DOH is also offering funding opportunities for consolidation/restructuring water systems and technical assistance opportunities for water systems in need of technical/managerial/financial guidance. Join us for a complete update. | Funding Programs |

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| S52 | **Building Political Support to Fund Your Infrastructure Project**<br>Moderator:<br>John Kounts, Washington PUD Association<br>PANEL | Stakeholders who advocate for state programs such as the Public Works Assistance Account will discuss how local governments can build grassroots and legislative support for the funding of their projects. | Looking for funding |
| S53 | **Archaeological Predictive Model—A Tool for Considering Potential Development Sites**<br>Presenter:<br>Russel Holter, Archaeology & Historic Preservation | This session offers an application of science, livability variables, and advanced mathematics as a planning tool for understanding whether the potential exists for the presence of previous occupations and settlements at specific localities throughout Washington State. | Environmental Review |
| S54 | **Post Disaster FEMA Funding for Recovery**<br>Presenter:<br>Peter Tassoni, Washington Emergency Management | Post Disaster FEMA funding for Recovery presentation will provide an overview of the FEMA Post-Disaster Recovery grant programs.  The Public Assistance (PA) and Hazard Mitigation (HMGP) grant programs' eligibility, application criteria, timelines, and best practices will be presented. Washington State Emergency Management Division has passed through hundreds of millions of dollars in the past two decades helping communities recover from disasters. | Funding Programs |