



# Newsletter (

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The Infrastructure **Assistance Coordinating** Council (IACC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Washington communities and tribes identify and obtain resources they need to develop, improve, and maintain infrastructure. It consists of staff from state and federal agencies, local government associations, and nonprofit technical assistance organizations.

IACC is a unique organization that has enhanced the relationships between government agencies, tribes, and communities in Washington for over 30 years. Together with IACC, communities and tribes are better able to provide the infrastructure necessary to enhance, preserve, and protect Washington's environment and quality of life. IACC is operated by four Board Officers and six Board Members.

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## PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

# Vader-Enchanted Valley Water Reservoir Project

Prior to 2009, Enchanted Valley Country Club had its own system that had problems due to shallow ground water and had to start purchasing water from Vader in 1980. In 2010, this system was merged with Vader to become the Vader-Enchanted Valley Water System. The combined systems have 476 approved connections.

Due to many serious issues, in 2011 the system was placed in receivership to be managed by Lewis County Public Works. Assets and ownership of the system was transferred to Lewis County in 2014. In 2016 the county updated the Water System Plan.

In 2012/2013 Lewis County received funding of \$717,000 from CDBG for water system improvements – specifically to construct a new water storage reservoir next to the existing one. This would provide redundancy to the system allowing maintenance of the existing reservoir and provide additional storage for the seasons when the water source has high levels of turbidity.

In 2017 Lewis County reached out to Rural Development for additional funding for this project.

In May of 2017 they were awarded loan funds of \$80,000 and grant funds of \$204,000 from Rural Development in partnership with the PW Trust Fund Dollars. Due to the high bids, Lewis County applied for subsequent funding from Rural Development and received an additional loan of \$199,000 and grant of \$599,000. The project was substantially completed in August, 2019.

There were remaining Rural Development grant funds and Lewis County requested to use the funds for two raw water intake pumps to replace two that were at the end of their useful life and interior recoating of the raw water holding tank. This project will be completed Summer of 2021.

#### **IACC** Resources

#### **Environmental Inventory**

The IACC member organizations have developed Environmental Inventory intended to outline the similarities and differences in environmental requirements among the various state and federal funding programs:

Environmental Inventory (pdf)

#### **Income Survey Guide**

The IACC member organizations have developed an Income Survey Guide intended to help Washington's communities develop, administer, and document a statistically valid income survey for their jurisdiction.

Income Survey Guide (pdf)

#### Value Planning Guide

The Sync system improvement team has developed an introductory guide to value planning.

<u>Introductory guide to value</u> <u>Planning</u> (pdf)



# Funding Opportunities

**Agency Information** 

#### Department of Commerce: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Opening dates & deadlines
Application Cycle opens March
17, 2021 with applications due
June 2, 2021 via ZoomGrants.
Awards announced in September.

#### <u>Funding type and amounts</u> <u>available</u>

\$11 million available for CDBG General Purpose Grants in 2021. Maximum grant amounts per project type:

- \$900,000 for construction and acquisition projects,
- \$500,000 for local housing rehabilitation programs, \$250,000 for local microenterprise assistance programs, and
- \$30,000 for planning-only activities.

#### Eligible applicants

Cities or towns with fewer than 50,000 people and counties with fewer than 200,000 people.

#### Eligible projects

Final design and construction of wastewater, drinking water, side connections, stormwater, streets, and community facility projects. Infrastructure in support of economic development or affordable housing. Planning activities including comprehensive plans, nonroutine infrastructure plans, feasibility studies, community action plans, and low-income housing assessments. Projects must principally benefit low- to

moderate-income people in nonentitlement cities and counties.

Contact: Jacquie Andresen, Project Manager, 360-688-0822 or Jacquie.Andresen@commerce.wa .gov

#### Department of Health: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Preconstruction Loans Applications accepted yearround. Eligible applicants are Group A community water systems and not-for-profit Group A non-community water systems. Can award up to \$500,000 per jurisdiction, 0% interest rate, 2% loan origination fee, 2-year time of performance, 10-year repayment period. Eligible activities include preparation of: planning documents; preliminary engineering reports; consolidation feasibility studies; permit applications; cultural and environmental documents: construction documents.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Emergency Loans
Applications accepted year-round. Eligible applicants are Group A not-for-profit community water systems and not-for-profit non-community water systems serving fewer than 10,000 people. Can award up to \$500,000 per jurisdiction, 0% interest rate, 1.5% loan origination fee, 2-year

time of performance, 10-year repayment period. Eligible activities include: repair or replacement of damaged infrastructure; rental of generators or treatment equipment.

Contact: Janet Cherry, DWSRF Supervisor, 360-236-3153 or janet.cherry@doh.wa.gov

#### **Public Works Board**

Possibly opening cycle May or June, application due mid-July and awards in August. *Pending Legislature appropriation for 21-23*.

#### **Programs**

Construction, Emergency and Pre-Construction Program

#### Eligible applicants

Counties, cities, special purpose districts, and quasi-municipal organizations.

#### Eligible projects

New construction, replacement, and repair of existing infrastructure for domestic water systems, sanitary sewer systems, storm water systems, roads, streets, solid waste and recycling facilities, and bridges projects.

Contact: Connie Rivera, Program Director, 360-704-9535

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**Indian Health Services: Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction** 

Eligible projects **Project Development or Planning** Drinking Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, Special Projects, and Emergency Projects

Contact: CAPT Alex Dailey, P.E., PMP Director 503-414-7780

**Washington State** Department of **Transportation: County Safety Program** 

Closes: April 30, 2021

**Elgibility: Counties** 

Eligible projects PE/Design, Right of Way, and Construction are eligible; a Local Road Safety Plan must be

Contact: Matthew Enders 360-705-6907 or

Regional Local Programs Engineer

https://wsdot.wa.gov/localprogra ms/traffic/county-safety-programcall-projects

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# **Agency Staff Transitions**

USDA Rural Development: Peter McMillin and Paul Johnson retired. Koni Reynolds has been promoted to Program Director. Michael Beyer has been hired as the State Engineer.

Rural Community Assistance Corporation: Dan Bannier retired.

Department of Commerce: Jon Galow took new position as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Section Manager. Jon Galow had been working with the Small Communities Initiative (SCI) since 2006. Kaaren Roe has transitioned from the CDBG Program Section Manager to the CDBG Coronavirus Relief Manager.

# Infrastructure Technical Assistance

IACC can coordinate technical assistance for your infrastructure project through our member organizations. This assistance may range from putting you in contact with the appropriate agency staff to an informal meeting between state and federal staff and your project leadership. These informal technical assistance meetings are often referred to as "Tech Teams". The information you provide is used to bring together the right mix of regulatory and financial program staff to move your project forward.

The intent of these meetings is to:

- Discuss the infrastructure issue you are facing.
- Understand your unique situation.
- Explore multiple solution options.
- Create an actionable plan to move forward.
- Move your project from problem to success.

Any jurisdiction in Washington State can request assistance. This includes Cities, Counties, Towns, Special Purpose Districts, Privately owned notfor-profit Group A community water systems, and Tribes.

Request Techinical Assistance