

Introduction to Commerce

Strengthening Communities

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Department of
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We strengthen communities



HOUSING AND
HOMELESSNESS



INFRASTRUCTURE
AND BROADBAND



SMALL BUSINESS
ASSISTANCE



ENERGY



PLANNING AND TECH
ASSISTANCE



COMMUNITY
SERVICES AND
FACILITIES



CRIME VICTIMS AND
PUBLIC SAFETY



ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

Commerce Divisions



Community Services Division



Housing Division



Energy Division

Commerce Divisions



Local Government Division



Office of Economic
Development and
Competitiveness

Equity Review of Capital Funding Programs

Goals:

- In completing this review, the department is working to improve equitable delivery of resources and benefits in our programs by:
 - Including consideration of historic and systemic barriers that may arise due to any of the following factors: Race, Ethnicity, Religion, Income, Geography, Disability, and Educational Attainment.
 - Identifying changes to policy and operational norms and practices to advance equity.
 - Identifying new investments and programs that prioritize populations and communities that have been historically underserved by capital grant policies and programs.

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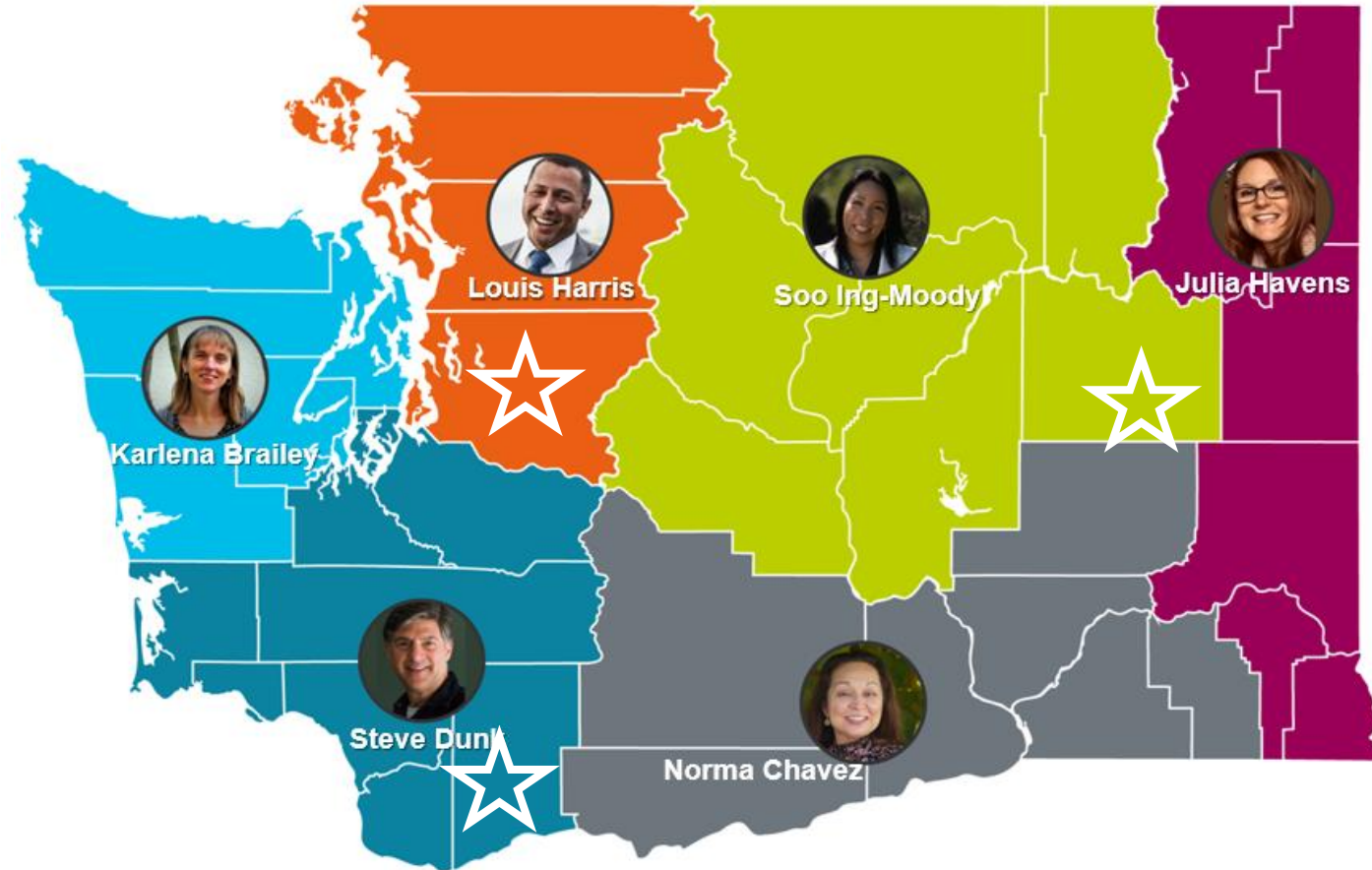
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<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/about-us/community-engagement/>

Commitment to diversity, equity & inclusion



- Long-term relationships
- Hiring and retention
- Systems Change



<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/about-us/jobs-at-commerce/>

Community capacity building

Cultivate Community Capacity



Creatively Navigate Resources

Build Relationships



Where to get information about grants?

- [Washington Electronic Business Solutions \(WEBS\)](#)
- [Commerce Website:](#)
www.commerce.wa.gov
- Commerce Outreach and Engagement Specialists
- Engage with Commerce Boards, Commissions, and Advisory Groups!

Washington's Electronic Business Solution

Bid Opportunities

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

We are currently soliciting responses to the following invitations.

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<u>Solicitation Close Date/ Amendment Date</u>	<u>Title / Description</u>	<u>Contact</u>
11/29/23	<u>Notice of Intent to Sole Source</u> Ref #: UW 23-0050 KLE The University of Washington Procurement Services department contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Qiagen, LLC	Kassy Ellefson
11/29/23	<u>Notice of Intent to Sole Source</u> Ref #: UW 23-0004-1 KL The University of Washington Procurement Services department contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Life Technologies to provide products and services including but not limited to systems, instrumentation, reagents, warranties, and custom services to the University of Washington system.	Kassy Ellefson



Open Grants, Loans and RFPs

Request for Proposals – Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examination (SAMFE) Reissue

📅 November 28, 2023

The purpose of this application is to increase access to Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations and address service delivery challenges in our state. The intention of these grant funds is to complement existing resources, such as Crime Victims Compensation, creating a more sustainable service model. Proposal are due December 13,...

Request for Proposals – Urban/Rural Guidebooks

📅 November 27, 2023

The Washington Department of Commerce is initiating this Request for Proposals to solicit Proposals from those qualified and interested in participating in a project to develop two guidebooks, one for urban growth areas and one for rural, that define process, procedures and best practices under the Washington State Growth Management...

Request for Proposals – Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Challenge Portal

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Preparing for applying for Grants

- Register an account with [Washington Electronic Business Solutions \(WEBS\)](#)
- Get a Statewide Vendor Number (SWV).
- Get familiar with Commerce's Contract Management System (CMS).

Tips of the Trade

- Make a plan.
 - Engage the community.
 - Collaboration.
 - Ask questions.
 - Commerce also applies for grants!
 - Time is relative.
 - Having capital is an advantage.
- Grant Writing Tips!
 - Read and answer questions fully.
 - How you word your grant matters.
 - Paint an entire picture of your proposed project.



Community Reinvestment Account Plan

- Developing state-wide plan describing how to address racial, economic, and social disparities in communities created by the historical design and enforcement of state & federal criminal laws and penalties for drug possession —
- Commerce, in partnership with the Office of Equity and community partners
- \$100M in SFY24 & \$100M in SFY25

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/programs/research-services/community-reinvestment-account-plan-development/>

Grants for capital projects



Building Communities Fund



Youth Recreational Facilities



Building for the Arts



Early Learning Facilities Program



Behavioral Health Facilities

Clean energy programs

- The Clean Energy Fund grants for clean energy projects
- Energy Retrofits for Public Buildings helps local agencies, public higher education, school districts and state agencies
- Solar plus Storage for Resilient Communities solar and battery back-up power for community buildings

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/>

COMMERCE/ENERGY UPDATES

Program	Law	Grant Amount	Updates
Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant - formula	IRA / EPA	\$3 million for WA, \$1 million for Seattle MSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commerce and Ecology jointly working together to implement planning grant
Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants - competitive	IRA / EPA	The many more \$\$\$ (\$4.6 billion total for 50-60 awards, \$2-\$500 million per award)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation framework expected in Sept, proposals due –April 2024 Likely similar structure to Solar for All – i.e., oneish large grant per state.
Home Energy Rebates - formula	IRA / DOE	\$160+ million in formula funds for rebates for electrification and efficiency, focused on lower income homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commerce submitted application for \$2M+ early administrative funding – unclear when award will come Guidance released late July, reviewing and planning for engagement Applications due by Jan 2025, planning to submit sooner
GGRF Solar for All - competitive	IRA / EPA	Potentially large amount (\$25-\$400 million) for solar to benefit low income and frontline communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commerce submitted NOI, estimating \$250 million application Will share straw proposal with public at August 22 workshop Application due in September
Contractor Training Grants	IRA / DOE	\$2.9 million in formula funds, in two installments for residential energy contractor training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance came out in July, assessing opportunity Due date end of September, though may accept later applications
Grid Resilience Formula Grants	IIJA / DOE	\$11+ million to grid resilience projects, especially with smaller utilities (of which WA has many!)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted application in spring, awaiting award
Grid Innovative Competitive Grant (GRIP)	IIJA / DOE	\$52 million budget, \$26 million request from DOE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted application with Idaho and INTENT (Avista spinoff) on grid resilience projects with five energy districts Expecting decision in late 2023
Enhancements to Standard Formula Funds	IIJA / DOE	Additional or new allocations to existing formula funds (Weatherization, State Energy Program, EECBG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementing SEP and Weatherization now Applied late July for enhanced EECBG – focus on enabling EE in disadvantaged communities
Joint Office Ride and Drive Electric - competitive	IIJA / JOET	~\$1.5 million competitive application to support EV infrastructure training at JATCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with five JATCs on application Application due late August
Weatherization Assistance Program Enhancement & Innovation - competitive	IIJA / DOE	\$500K-\$2 million competitive award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concept paper due August 31 Talking with community partners on joint application, or one where Commerce supports externally

Community services and public safety



- Developmental Disabilities Council
- Lead-Based Paint Programs
- Continuum of Care
- Office of Crime Victims Advocacy
- Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention
- Justice Assistance Grant
- Victim Witness Assistance
- Safety and Access for Immigrant Victims

Victims of crime looking for services:
ocva@commerce.wa.gov
Direct Service Line: 1-800-822-1067

Low-income housing resources

- [Multi-family Unit Housing](#)
- [Home Ownership Assistance](#)
- [Foreclosure Fairness Program](#)
- [Mobile Home Relocation](#)
- [Weatherization and Low-income Energy Assistance](#)
- [Rental / Homeless Assistance](#)
- [Office of Homeless Youth](#)



Small business services



- [SizeUp](#)
- [Entrepreneur Academy](#)
- [ScaleUp](#)
- [Thrive!](#)
- [Restart Academy](#)
- [Small Business Export Assistance](#)
- [Export Voucher Program](#)
- [Regulatory Roadmap](#)
- [Retirement Marketplace](#)
- [Small Business Grants](#)
- [Startup Wisdom](#)
- [Small Business Credit Initiative](#)

Child Care Capacity Building

- Child Care Partnership Grants
- Employer-Supported Child Care Technical Assistance Program
- State Child Care Collaborative Task Force



EMPLOYER-SUPPORTED CHILD CARE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Looking for a competitive edge to have a qualified workforce?

Find out what it takes to be a family-friendly employer in the state of Washington!

Many employers around the United States are facing workforce shortages. It is becoming more competitive and expensive to recruit, hire and retain employees.

One factor is the child care crisis. This means that working families are having a difficult time finding quality child care providers, paying for the cost of care, and dealing with back-up care if needed.

Washington businesses are helping their own employees or communities gain better access to child care while gaining a competitive edge for their employee base.



<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/about-us/boards-and-commissions/child-care-collaborative-task-force/>

Questions?



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