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Roadmap for Today

Community Engagement
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We strengthen communities



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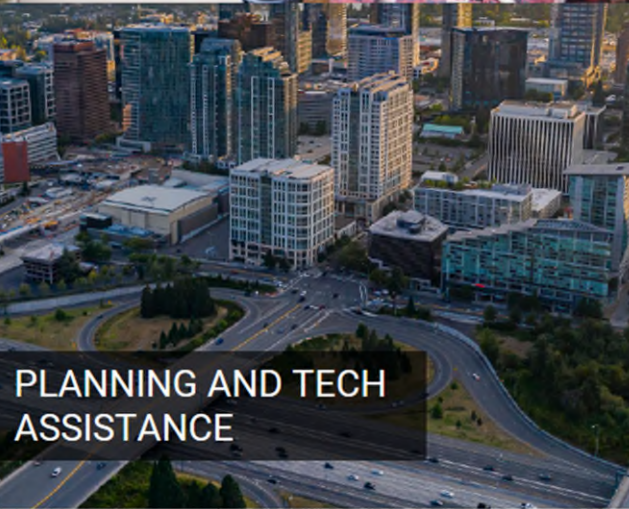
INFRASTRUCTURE AND BROADBAND



SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE



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Community Engagement

Regional Engagement Team
Goals of Community Engagement
Capacity Building + Child Care
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We help connect communities to Commerce and navigate resources

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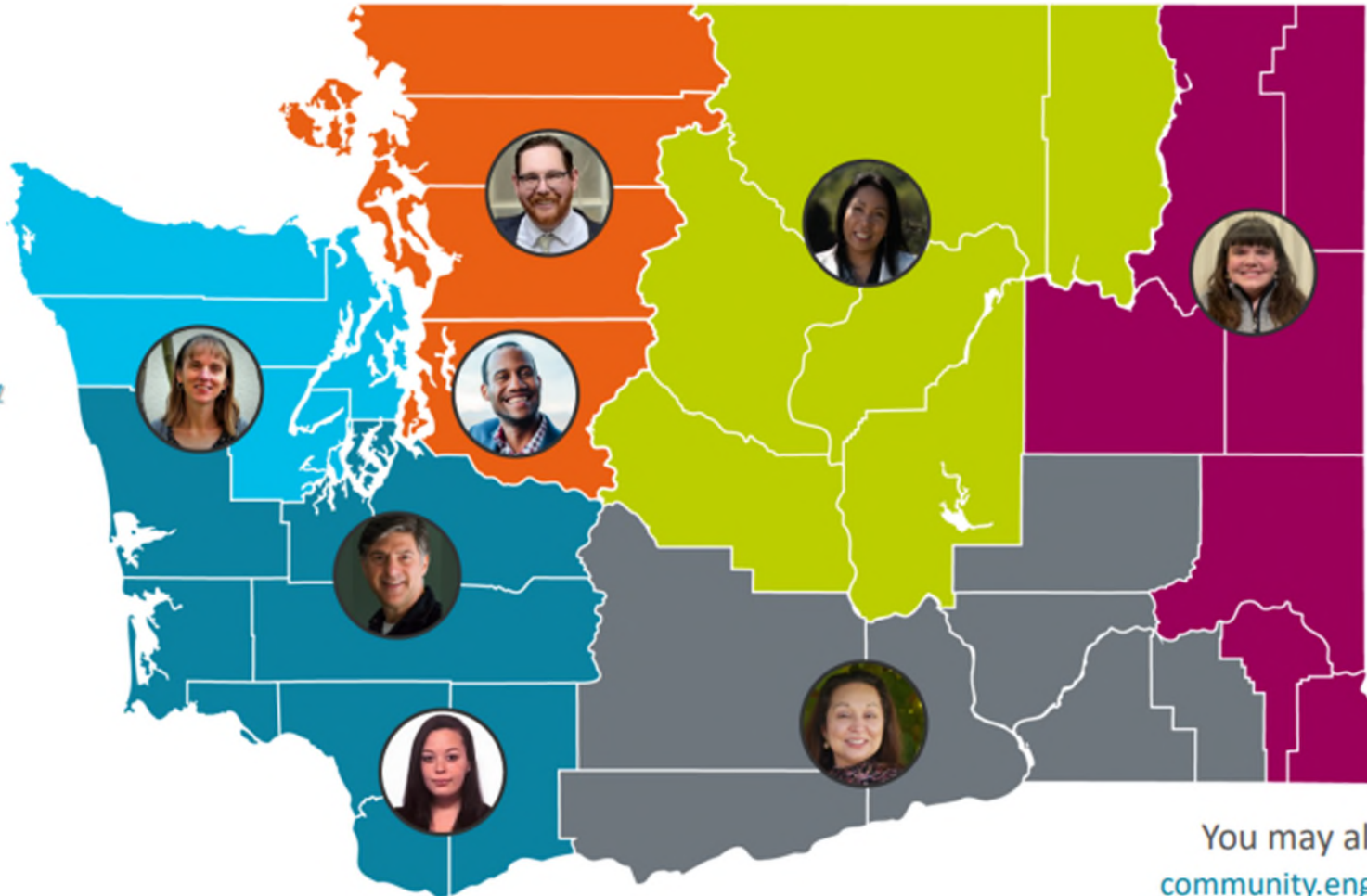
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Goals of Community Engagement

- WA Department of Commerce is committed to meeting communities where they are, and walk alongside as they carve out a path to address community needs.
- Our goal is to build strong, long lasting relationships with you and your community.



Our Role

Cultivate Community Capacity



Creatively Navigate
Resources

Build Relationships



Child Care Capacity Building

- [Child Care Partnership Grants](#)
- [Family-Friendly Workplaces](#)
- [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.





Small Business Resiliency Network

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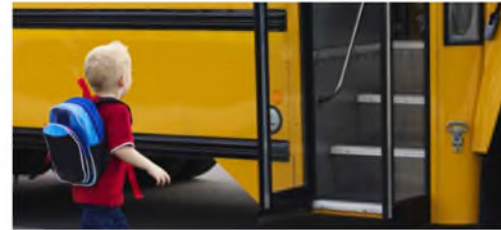
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Grants for Capital Projects

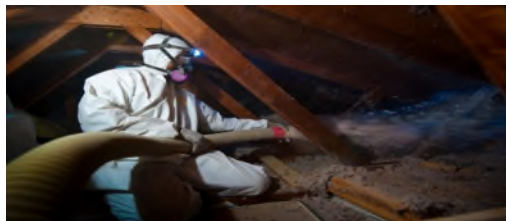
Commerce Divisions



Community Services Division



Housing Division



Energy Division

Commerce Divisions



Local Government Division



Office of Economic
Development and
Competitiveness

Where to get information about grants?

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



Serving Communities ▾ Building Infrastructure ▾ Growing the Economy ▾ Promoting Washington ▾ Q

Boards, Commissions and Councils

Commerce chairs or holds seats on several independent state boards, commissions and councils. We also provide staff and administrative support to these bodies and others listed at the right.



Affordable Housing Advisory Board (AHAB)

Washington State Affordable Housing Advisory Board (AHAB) advises the Department of Commerce on housing and housing-related issues. AHAB has 22 members representing a variety of interests related to affordable housing. Nineteen are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms.

Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)

The state Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) funds public infrastructure improvements that encourage new business development and expansion. Some examples of projects include bridges, roads, water and sewer systems, railroads, telecommunications, utilities and port facilities.

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More Boards and Commissions supported by Commerce Staff

- Building for the Arts
- Disabilities Workgroup
- Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund Advisory

Open Grants, Loans and RFPs

Request for Proposals- Culturally Specific Sexual Assault Services & Prevention Activities

📅 April 9, 2024

Request for Proposals Culturally Specific Sexual Assault Services & Prevention Activities The Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (OCVA) is announcing a competitive request for proposals (RFP) to support efforts to provide culturally specific services for people affected by sexual assault. Eligible applicants must be by and for the communities they...

Apply now for Salmon Recovery Planning Grants

📅 April 9, 2024

Join the April 18 pre-application workshop to learn more about this opportunity The Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Puget Sound National Estuary Program and the Stormwater and Habitat strategic initiative leads, is offering salmon recovery planning grants to local governments and tribes. These funds aim to advance the...

Cancellation and Reposting: Community-led firearm violence reduction RFP

📅 April 9, 2024

Commerce announces cancellation and reposting of Community Reinvestment Project, Firearm Violence Reduction Grants RFP The Washington State Department of Commerce (Commerce), Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention is today announcing the cancellation and reposting of a Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting applications designed to support community-led firearm violence prevention,...

Request for Proposals – Weatherization Services for Washington Low-Income Multifamily Housing

📅 April 5, 2024

The Washington State Department of Commerce, hereafter called "COMMERCE," is initiating this Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit Proposals from those qualified and interested in participating in a project that will serve counties throughout Washington State to weatherize multifamily buildings. Commerce is looking for an entity that will act as...

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Additional Information

- Washington's Electronic Business Solution (WEBS)
- Department of Enterprise Services (DES) – Doing Business with the State
- Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE)
- Washington Business Hub

Preparing for applying for Grants

- Register an account with [Washington Electronic Business Solutions \(WEBS\)](#)
- Get a [Statewide Vendor Number \(SWV\)](#).

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.

Grants for capital projects



Building Communities Fund



Youth Recreational Facilities



Building for the Arts



Early Learning Facilities Program



Behavioral Health Facilities

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/capital-facilities/>



2025 - 2027

Youth Recreational Facilities (YRF) Seattle Workshop

Capital grants for recreational buildings integrated with social and/or educational services

Awards 25% state funds of eligible capital project costs for the acquisition and major new construction or renovation of nonresidential youth recreational facilities.

The YRF Grant application will be available beginning April 1, 2024 via the ZoomGrants link <https://bit.ly/YRF-ZoomGrants> and will close May 28, 2024 at 5 p.m. This is for Tribes and nonprofits.



If you cannot to attend a YRF workshop in person, there'll be an online workshop on Wed. April 17, 2024 at 1 p.m. You can register here <https://bit.ly/YRF-Webinar> or scan this QR code.

Please RSVP for the in-person Workshop in Seattle at <https://bit.ly/YRF-RSVP-Seattle> or scan this QR code.



Tue. April 23, 2024 10 a.m.
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WA Department of Commerce Website

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Washington State Department of Commerce. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About Us', 'Contact Us', 'Program Index', and 'Media Center'. Below this is the department's logo and a secondary navigation bar with categories like 'Serving Communities', 'Building Infrastructure', 'Growing the Economy', and 'Promoting Washington'. The main content area features a large banner with the title 'Strengthening Communities and Growing Washington's Economy' and a sub-headline: 'The Department of Commerce is the one agency in state government that touches every aspect of community and economic development: planning, infrastructure, energy, public facilities, housing, public safety and crime victims, international trade, business services and more. We work with local governments, tribes, businesses and civic leaders throughout the state to strengthen communities so all residents may thrive and prosper.' Below the banner is a 'Quick Links' section with various service categories such as 'Utility Assistance', 'Boards, Commissions and Councils', 'Grants and Loans', 'Foreclosure Assistance', 'Crime Victim Advocacy', 'Homeless Services', 'Business Services', 'Rural Community Services', 'Growth Management Services', 'Career Opportunities at Commerce', 'Rulemaking', 'Contracting with Commerce', 'Local Governments', and 'Broadband Funding'. At the bottom of the screenshot is a 'COVID-19 Updates and Information' section, which states: 'Due to the pandemic, Commerce's Olympia headquarters will remain shuttered through at least March 15th, 2022. Team members are available to assist you via phone and email. Learn more about vaccination and masking requirements at Commerce.' Below this are three sub-sections: 'Community Resources', 'Economic Resources', and 'Government Resources', each with a small representative image.

Questions?





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Thank you!

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