

GRANT COUNTY STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FUNDING GUIDELINES

The Grant County Commission requests that local governments and jurisdictions submit all Strategic Infrastructure Program (SIP) Project Proposals (Form # GC-SIP-002) to the Grant County Economic Development Council (EDC) who will distribute proposals to the Grant County Strategic Infrastructure Program Advisory Committee. All project proposal applications will be reviewed and prioritized by the Grant County SIP Advisory Committee, based on Evaluation Criteria (enclosed) and responses to project proposal questions. The committee will make project-funding recommendations to the Grant County Commissioners. The Grant County Commissioners will make all final decisions and appropriate the SIP funding.

The SIP Fund is the accumulation of .04% of sales and use tax that is rebated to Grant County by the State of Washington and is made available by the Grant County Commissioners for distribution as loans and grants to municipalities, port districts and local junior taxing districts within Grant County for the purpose of developing infrastructure and public facilities that will provide a positive economic benefit and return to the community.

Grant County EDC is the administrator/facilitator for the SIP Citizens Advisory Committee. The SIP Citizens Advisory Committee reviews all applications and makes recommendations for funding to the Grant County Commissioners. The Grant County Commissioners have reviewed committee recommendations and have subsequently adopted the various program policies and procedures, including the adoption of a \$200.00 closing fee for each proposal that receives SIP funding. Said fees will be used to help cover the costs of program administration.

The SIP Citizens Advisory Committee has set the first business day of March, June, September, and December of 2005, and 2006 as application deadlines. The committee will observe a quarterly cycle of reviewing applications and making recommendations for funding of projects (usually within a month of application deadlines) to the Grant County Commissioners.

All original SIP Project Proposals (Form GC-SIP-002) must be signed and must be accompanied with the requested supplemental documents. Please submit seven (7) additional copies of the application and all other documents submitted.

Please review the following attachments:

1. Strategic Infrastructure Program "Evaluation Criteria"
2. Strategic Infrastructure Program "Project Point Valuation"
3. Strategic Infrastructure Program "Project Proposal" Form # GC-SIP-002
4. Strategic Infrastructure Program "Award Policies"

We hope you will consider how this program can assist you with your future projects. We encourage your questions and feedback. Please contact us at Grant County EDC, 6594 Patton Blvd. NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837, phone 509-764-6579, fax 509-762-5161.