Grant County Strategic Infrastructure Program Application

Eligibility Requirements

The Strategic Infrastructure Program fund is available because of a state program authorized by the legislature in 1997 (RCW 82.14.370). The legislature has established eligibility requirements for using these funds:

**FIRST:** Funds can only be used to finance “public facilities” such as “bridges, roads, domestic and industrial water facilities, sanitary sewer facilities, earth stabilization, storm sewer facilities, railroads, electrical facilities, natural gas facilities, research, testing, training, and incubation facilities in innovation partnership zones designated under RCW 43.330.270, buildings, structures, telecommunications infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, or commercial infrastructure, and port facilities in the state of Washington." RCW 82.14.370(3) (c)(i).

**SECOND:** The public facility must also serve "economic development purposes," which is defined as "those purposes which facilitate the creation or retention of businesses and jobs in a county." RCW 82.14.370(3)(a), (c)(ii).

**THIRD:** Finally, to be eligible for funding: "The public facility must be listed as an item in the officially adopted county overall economic development plan, or the economic development section of the county's comprehensive plan, or the comprehensive plan of a city or town located within the county for those counties planning under RCW 36.70A.040. For those counties that do not have an adopted overall economic development plan and do not plan under the growth management act, the public facility must be listed in the county's capital facilities plan or the capital facilities plan of a city or town located within the county." RCW 82.14.370(3)(a).

**Eligibility Checklist:**

1. Yes o No o This request is for a “public facility as described above.
2. Yes o No o The public facility facilitates the creation or retention of businesses and jobs in Grant County.
3. Yes o No o The public facility is listed as an item in the economic development section of Grant County’s comprehensive plan OR Yes o No o the public facility is listed as an item in the economic development section of the comprehensive plan of a City or Town located within Grant County.

If the answer to all three questions is yes please proceed with the application process.

If the answer to any of the three questions is no, the project is not eligible to receive funding from this program.

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Cover Sheet

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| **Date:** | **Grant County SIP Number:** |
| **Applicant:**  | **Address:** |
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| **Contact Name:**  | **City:** |
| **Title:** | **State, Zip:** |
| **Signature of person authorizing submittal:** | **Phone:** |
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| **Position of person authorizing submittal:** | **Fax:** |
|  | **Email:** |
| **Project Title:** |
| **Population of the community: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total area population served by the project: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **The County is required to report to the State Auditor’s Office the estimated number of businesses and jobs that will be created and/or retained by this project. Retained businesses and jobs means businesses and jobs that will be lost if not for the completion of the project.**How many businesses will be created and/or retained by this project? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**How many jobs will be created and/or retained by this project? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **What comprehensive plan lists this project as an item in its economic development section?**o Grant County Comprehensive Plan o Comprehensive plan of the city or town of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **Type of Public Facility:** (check all that apply)o Bridge o Road o Domestic Water Facility o Industrial Water Facility o Sanitary Sewer Facility o Earth Stabilization o Storm Sewer Facilities o Railroadso Electrical Facilities o Natural Gas Facilities o Buildings o Structureso Telecommunications Infrastructure o Transportation Infrastructure o Port Facilitieso Commercial Infrastructure  |
| **Funding is needed for:** (check all that apply)o capital facilities costs including acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, alteration, expansion, or improvements of public facilities o project specific environmental costso costs of site plan and analysis o development and improvement for the public facilitieso project design, including feasibility and marketing studies and plans, and debt revenue impact analysiso land use and permitting costs |
| **Total project cost:** $ Amount raised to-date: $  | **Total SIP request to date for project:** $Current SIP Loan Request: $Current SIP Grant Request: $*Previous SIP Loan Request: $**Previous SIP Grant Request: $* |
| **Is this a phased in Project? Yes o No o** If yes, how many phases? \_\_\_\_\_\_ During how many years? \_\_\_\_\_\_Project is currently in phase: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |
| **Please complete this form on your computer using Microsoft Word.**  |

**Economic Impact of the Project**

1. What economic goals and/or objectives (identified in the comprehensive plan) does this project help the community achieve?
2. How will this project foster economic growth, development, and address future economic needs?
3. How will this project improve local infrastructure capacity?
4. Will the project result in training or other opportunities for the local workforce? o Yes o No

*If yes, please describe:*

1. Will the project build and/or strengthen strategic alliances or partnerships? o Yes o No

*If yes, please describe the alliance and/or partnerships: (agencies, volunteers, etc.)*

1. How many full-time, permanent jobs will be created and/or retained as a direct result of this project?
2. Retained?
3. Created in 1-3 years?
4. Additional created in 3-5 years?
5. Wage rates for jobs created and/or retained?
6. What is the size of the population that will benefit from this project?
7. What quantifiable outcomesare you going to track to measure the success of this project?

**Project Readiness**

1. When did or will you start work on the project?

1. How many months will the work on this project take to complete? This phase?
2. Please describe what steps are necessary to begin this project or this phase if you are proposing a multi-phase project: (Please be specific)
3. Summarize efforts taken to date in terms of project funding:
4. Amount and source of funds?
5. Matching funds?
6. If conditions are attached to any of these funds, please describe
7. What engineering reports and feasibility studies have prepared?
8. When?
9. With what recommendations?
10. What permits are necessary for the project? (Please list with approval dates)
11. Are there other factors significant to this project that we should be aware of?
12. Emergency declarations?
13. Regulatory compliance issues?
14. Inability to secure alternate funds?
15. Other?
16. If your project receives a commitment for an SIP grant or loan, when will you need the funds?
17. Identify funds (General Fund, Utility Fund, Property taxes, etc.) that are eligible to repay a SIP loan.
18. In the context of the local government’s overall annual budget, explain the need for SIP assistance. It the applicant has reserve funds or budget reserves, please explain why these funds are not available for the project.

**Local and Regional Support & Investment for the Project**

1. Are Cities, Port Districts, the County, Schools, or other entities involved in funding the project?
2. Are there any regional, State, or Federal funds being used for the project?

1. What is the private sector investment in the project?
2. What is the local investment in the project from clubs and other organizations (non-government)?
3. Is there other support or investment in the project not covered above?

**Attachments**

1. **Economic Development Section of the Comprehensive Plan listing the public facility**
2. **Project Budget**: Please attach a copy of your complete project budget. Attach or include your specific budget for use of SIP funds. Please list all identified revenue sources and the dollar amounts and list whether they are committed or requested.
3. **Property Plat, Building Plans:** Please attach copies of a property plat with project location clearly shown on the plat. Please attach engineer’s drawings or at least a good drawing of the project for committee review.
4. **Letters of support:** If applicable please include any letters of support for this project form partners or others entities in the community.