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**County: Whatcom**

**Federal Identifier:** WAEC-03-006

**Grant Name:** Kendall Community Resource Center Facility Plan

**Applicant:** Whatcom County

**Contact:** Pete Kremen, 360-676-6717

**Project Start Date:** 07/01/2003

**Project End Date:** 09/30/2005

**FS Award:** \$50,000

**Leveraged Funds:** \$40,000

**Total Project Funding:** \$90,000

**Description:**

Funding for this project will analyze the feasibility of a community resource center to provide economic development and family support services to the Kendall-north Fork area of eastern Whatcom County. If found feasible, the project will also develop a facility development plan. The facility development plan will include; a description of the types of spaces and uses that can co-locate to serve the documented needs of the community, guidelines for future operation and maintenance of the facility, a preliminary estimate of construction and operating costs, and a plan for funding the construction and operation of the facility. A community resource center if found feasible would significantly expand community services to eastern Whatcom County, including job training, adult literacy, distance learning, Small Business Development Center, and other resources tailored to meet the needs of residents and businesses in the area. The project will bring together a citizens advisory committee, including key organizations, the county, and the community-at-large, including low-to-moderate-income residents.

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**Federal Identifier:** WAEC-03-007

**Grant Name:** Nooksack Indian Tribe Strategic Plan

**Applicant:** Nooksack Indian Tribe

**Contact:** Narz Cunanan, 360-592-5176

**Project Start Date:** 07/01/2003

**Project End Date:** 12/31/2004

**FS Award:** \$12,021

**Leveraged Funds:** \$31,067

**Total Project Funding:** \$43,088

**Description:**

The project is to develop a Strategic Plan for the Nooksack Tribe. The expected product is a strategic plan that serves to guide the tribe definitively through the next ten years and more broadly through the next twenty years. Each tribal department/program will have benchmarks written into the first ten of twenty years. The current economic plan and various departments will be enhanced and integrated to achieve defined long-range goals. The benefit will primarily be to the nooksack Tribeal community. Without a comprehensive strategic plan, planning would continue to be disjointed and without markers for progress. The new plan will provide a framework for economic development, health needs, education/training, family skills development, eldercare, justice and law enforcement, housing, and abatement of social issues including substance abuse and domestic violence. It is envisioned that direct job creation will occur concurrent with implementation of the economic development portion of the plan and be enhanced with supportive community and social components.

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**Federal Identifier:** WAEC-03-008  
**Grant Name:** Semiahmah Memorial/Heritage Park Master Plan  
**Applicant:** Lummi Indian Business Council - Lummi Nation  
**Contact:** Darrell Hillaire, 360-384-2229

**Project Start Date:** 05/01/2003  
**Project End Date:** 12/31/2005  
**FS Award:** \$50,000  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$103,900  
**Total Project Funding:** \$153,900

**Description:**

Funding for this project is to develop a master plan to coordinate the planning of the Semiahmah memorial and The Coast Salish Heritage Park near Blain, Washington. The master plan will outline a clear direction by specifying goals and objectives, establishing a timeline of events, and organizing the concepts, design, and engineer's layout and will include the development of a business and marketing plan. This project will allow constructio of the Semiahmah Memorial and The Coast Salish Heritage Park to move forward.

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**Federal Identifier:** WAEC-99-004  
**Grant Name:** Community Action Plan  
**Applicant:** City of Nooksack  
**Contact:** James Ackerman, 360-966-2531

**Project Start Date:** 06/22/1999  
**Project End Date:** 12/31/2000  
**FS Award:** \$15,000  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$9,800  
**Total Project Funding:** \$24,800

**Description:**

This project will help to develop a Community Action Plan and economic diversity strategy. When completed, implementation of this plan will result in economic diversity, providing a viable business alternative to dislocated timber workers who live in the imeedage area. Nooksack has the opportunity to grow into an attractive, self-contained community

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**Federal Identifier:** WANW-00-026  
**Grant Name:** Wastewater Facilities Plan  
**Applicant:** City of Blaine  
**Contact:** Gary Tomsic, 360-332-8311

**Project Start Date:** 09/01/2000  
**Project End Date:** 12/31/2002  
**FS Award:** \$50,000  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$39,952  
**Total Project Funding:** \$89,952

**Description:**

Funding for this project is to develop a Wastewater Facilities Plan that meets the NEPA and SEPA requirements. The City of Blaine (population 3700) is faced with a multi-faceted wastewater crisis. Inflow and infiltration generates excessive flow to Lift Station #1 adjacent to the Blaine Marina, Drayton Harbor and Semiahmoo Bay. During rainstorms the design capacity is exceeded and raw wastewater is released into the above waters. Drayton Harbor is a federally listed "impaired water body" for fecal coliform contamination. If lift station is not improved Blaine faces a moratorium on new wastewater service connections. Recent improvements (after spending \$3 million of a \$7.6 million project) were stopped because artifacts and cultural remains were encountered. The presence of cultural remains has rendered the existing treatment plant unuseable for any further treatment improvements or soil-disturbing activities including maintenance of existing buried utilities. The Lummi Indian Nation has threatened to file a \$40 million tort claim for damages and the City is engaged in mediation with the tribe. High debt service payments has forced high sewer service charge for Blaine rate payers, above 1.5% of the mean household income, making it the 13th highest monthly charge in the state of Washington.

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**Federal Identifier:** WANW-00-027  
**Grant Name:** Public Pier Feasibility Study at Point Roberts  
**Applicant:** Point Roberts Chamber of Commerce  
**Contact:** Terrie LaPorte, 360-945-5536

**Project Start Date:** 09/01/2000  
**Project End Date:** 12/31/2003  
**FS Award:** \$46,800  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$20,752  
**Total Project Funding:** \$67,552

**Description:**

This project will fund the acquisition of the services of a consultant; to research the best of two sites for a public pier restoration project on the west side of Point Roberts; to have engineered drawings completed; and take the process to Whatcom County for approved applicable permits. Point Roberts (unincorporated) lacks infrastructure and amenities to promote economic growth and development. To survive, Point Roberts must attract visitors for tourism and recreation based activities. Access to water and restoration of a public pier is a high priority. Pier development will create job opportunities and revitalize the economy.

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**Federal Identifier:** WANW-01-029  
**Grant Name:** Sewer Comprehensive Plan Update  
**Applicant:** Point Roberts Chamber of Commerce  
**Contact:** Terrie LaPorte, 360-945-5536

**Project Start Date:** 09/01/2001  
**Project End Date:** 12/31/2003  
**FS Award:** \$41,500  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$10,375  
**Total Project Funding:** \$51,875

**Description:**

Funding will allow Point Roberts to update its current sewer comprehensive plan, thus including possibilities for a wastewater treatment system. We hope this project makes a community wastewater treatment system possible, thus

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**Federal Identifier:** WANW-96-004  
**Grant Name:** Paper Recycling Mill Siting  
**Applicant:** City of Sumas  
**Contact:** Robert Mitchell, 360-676-8463

**Project Start Date:** 02/01/1996  
**Project End Date:** 03/31/1998  
**FS Award:** \$58,320  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$14,824  
**Total Project Funding:** \$73,144

**Description:**

Grant funds would be in support of siting a paper recycling mill and replacing the city's waste water treatment plant. Project would assist the City of Sumas to bring in a new industry and water treatment facility. This should create approximately 80 new jobs to the community.

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**Federal Identifier:** WANW-96-030  
**Grant Name:** Long-Term Tourism Development

**Project Start Date:** 09/09/1996  
**Project End Date:** 10/31/1998

**Applicant:** Bellingham/Whatcom Co. Conv&Vistor Bureau  
**Contact:** John A. Cooper, 360-671-3990

**FS Award:** \$44,009  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$61,800  
**Total Project Funding:** \$105,809

**Description:**

Funding from this grant is to improve the local economic situation by expanding travel activities and increasing visitor spending. The focus of this project is to increase activities in the rural areas and to provide business growth opportunities for family-based businesses, in particular, water recreation businesses.

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**Federal Identifier:** WANW-97-050  
**Grant Name:** Industrial Park Infrastructure

**Project Start Date:** 09/01/1997  
**Project End Date:** 12/31/2000

**Applicant:** City of Blaine  
**Contact:** Anthony Mortillaro, 360-332-8311

**FS Award:** \$150,000  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$2,010,025  
**Total Project Funding:** \$2,160,025

**Description:**

This grant will allow the City of Blaine to complete design and engineering for improvements to Odell Road (the access road to the industrial park). Infrastructure improvements will allow development of a cereal processor to construct a manufacturing plant, creating 60 to 100 new jobs.

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**Federal Identifier:** WANW-98-013  
**Grant Name:** Economic Development Plan

**Project Start Date:** 04/14/1998  
**Project End Date:** 12/31/1999

**Applicant:** City of Everson  
**Contact:** Gena Tolle, 360-966-3411

**FS Award:** \$14,500  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$5,000  
**Total Project Funding:** \$19,500

**Description:**

Funding is to produce a community economic development plan which will include a specific action plan and guidelines for tracking the plan's success and the community's economic vitality. Production of a community development plan will give Everson direction in retaining existing businesses, attracting new businesses, and identifying a suitable diversification strategy.

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**Federal Identifier:** WANW-98-040  
**Grant Name:** Main Street Expansion Des/Eng

**Project Start Date:** 09/18/1998  
**Project End Date:** 02/28/1999

**Applicant:** City of Lynden  
**Contact:** Steve Jilk, 360-354-5532

**FS Award:** \$25,808  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$5,740  
**Total Project Funding:** \$31,548

**Description:**

This grant will assist the City in providing the design for the necessary infrastructure to support the expansion of an existing industry. This includes the design and engineering of water, wastewater, and stormwater facilities; the improvement design for an existing arterial street to all-weather standards; and obtaining the necessary right-of-way. The implementation of these design and engineering activities will help the City of Lynden to retain and expand existing business, creating more than 70 new jobs, locally.

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**Federal Identifier:** WANW-99-020  
**Grant Name:** Black Mtn. Forestry Ctr.

**Project Start Date:** 07/01/1999  
**Project End Date:** 11/30/2002

**Applicant:** Whatcom County  
**Contact:** Roger DeSpain, 360-733-2900

**FS Award:** \$45,000  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$129,710  
**Total Project Funding:** \$174,710

**Description:**

This project funds a pilot startup and completion of a 5 year business plan for the Black Mountain Forestry Center. The Center will provide a unique combination of education, recreation, and commerce. The Center will provide educational tours of commercial forests, preserves and forest industry facilities. A Forestry museum, forest library and gift shop will be established in the Maple Falls area. This project will enhance the current business environment by replacing lost logging jobs with forestry oriented tourism and cottage industry opportunities. It will offer educational services demonstrating sustainable forest management for the public and private sectors; enhanced private forest practices will help stabilize the economy. If successful, the project should directly generate 5 full-time and 15 part-time jobs within 5 years.

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**County Summary:**

<b>Grants Awarded:</b>	13
<b>Total FS Award:</b>	\$602,958
<b>Total Leveraged Funds:</b>	<u>\$2,482,945</u>
<b>Total Project Funding:</b>	\$3,085,903