



**USDA Forest Service
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County: Cowlitz

Federal Identifier: WAEC-03-010
Grant Name: Community Action Plan

Project Start Date: 05/01/2003
Project End Date: 12/31/2004

Applicant: City of Kalama
Contact: Randy Gradshaw, 360-673-4562

FS Award: \$20,000
Leveraged Funds: \$10,575
Total Project Funding: \$30,575

Description:

This project will produce a Community Action Plan for the City of Kalama identifying opportunities and defining strategies to produce economic development that impacts Kalama and the surrounding area. An analysis of the communities strengths and weaknesses will be used to develop a specific list of projects that will bring the community from its existing condition to that which is envisioned in the plan. Completion of this plan will identify opportunities to promote economic diversification and enhance the local economy. kalama seeks to develop a future that brings greater economic prosperity to the people of the community.

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Federal Identifier: WAEC-03-011
Grant Name: Wastewater Treatment Plant

Project Start Date: 05/01/2003
Project End Date: 12/31/2004

Applicant: City of Kalama
Contact: Carl McCrary, 360-673-3706

FS Award: \$50,000
Leveraged Funds: \$180,869
Total Project Funding: \$230,869

Description:

This grant will fund the engineering design of the Kalama wastewater treatment facility. The 2002 General Sewer/Wastewater Facilities plan provided recommendations for improving the facility and maintaining adequate treatment to insure long-term National Permit Discharge Elimination permit compliance. Completion of this project will enable the City to move forward to construction of a new system that will allow new business and residential development.

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Federal Identifier: WAEC-04-005
Grant Name: Business Feasibility & Marketing Plan

Project Start Date: 06/30/2004
Project End Date: 06/30/2005

Applicant: City of Castle Rock
Contact: Barbara Larsen, 360-274-8181

FS Award: \$20,000
Leveraged Funds: \$25,500
Total Project Funding: \$45,500

Description:

The feasibility study will set the course for all future economic development activities through the identification of business types desired by the community, businesses most likely to locate in Castle Rock, infrastructure and financial incentives needed to attract/retain those businesses, and a marketing package and program that can be undertaken to increase the number and range of local employees. By improving incentives and business infrastructure, and actively marketing the community, the City should be able to add 20-50 jobs within the next several years. Most of these jobs would likely be located in commercial or retail zones. However, a longer term goal would be to complete infrastructure improvements and attract a tenant or new owner(s) for the City's 18 acres of industrial land. This could lead to the creation of hundreds of jobs.

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Federal Identifier: WAEC-94-024
Grant Name: Community Action Plan

Project Start Date: 09/06/1994
Project End Date: 09/06/1995

Applicant: Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments
Contact: Stephen Harvey, 206-577-3041

FS Award: \$12,886
Leveraged Funds: \$3,639
Total Project Funding: \$16,525

Description:

This grant would fund the development of a S.W.O.T. analysis and community action plan for the unincorporated communities of Ariel and Cougar (Lewis River corridor). Development of a community action plan would help diversify the local timber dependent economies.

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Federal Identifier: WANW-00-033
Grant Name: Port of Woodland Building #5-Design Phase

Project Start Date: 09/01/2000
Project End Date: 08/31/2004

Applicant: Port of Woodland
Contact: David Ripp, 360-225-6555

FS Award: \$25,120
Leveraged Funds: \$12,750
Total Project Funding: \$37,870

Description:

The Port of Woodland purchased a 14-acre parcel of light industrial property in 1986. In 1989 during the decline of the timber market, the Port developed a site plan for six buildings of 10,200 square feet each and began the design phase of the first building. The Port's intentions were to diversify from the timber industry and create family wage jobs. Since then the Port has constructed three buildings all occupied and are currently in the construction phase of building number four. In the past six months the Port has received overwhelming requests for leased building space. The Port is requesting a grant in support of the design phase of Building #5. The community benefit would mainly be job creation. The companies that are leasing the three buildings currently create about 90 jobs and Building #4 will house about 25 employees. The anticipate adding an additional 25 employees after the construction of building #5.

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Federal Identifier: WANW-00-034
Grant Name: Cougar Restroom, Information Center, and Kiosk

Project Start Date: 09/01/2000
Project End Date: 08/31/2002

Applicant: Port of Woodland
Contact: David Ripp, 360-225-6555

FS Award: \$5,542
Leveraged Funds: \$2,500
Total Project Funding: \$8,042

Description:

The grant will allow for an important component of the Cougar restroom, information booth/kiosk and community center project. The restroom facility has recently been funded by a grant through the County for \$241,000 and construction will begin this spring. This grant would allow for the construction of the information booth/kiosk. This is an important component of the project since it will encourage visitors to stop for recreational information as well as to use the restroom facilities. The benefit will mainly be to local businesses where the economy has been drastically hurt since the reduction of timber sales on the National Forest. This project will result in increased business in the local community. New jobs could be created as new businesses develop as a result of increased visitors to the community. There will be a job created maintaining the facilities and keeping the information center updated.

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County: Cowlitz

Federal Identifier: WANW-00-035

Grant Name: Cowlitz County Tourism Strategic Plan

Applicant: Cowlitz County

Contact: Mark Plotkin, 360-557-3137

Project Start Date: 09/01/2000

Project End Date: 12/31/2004

FS Award: \$47,000

Leveraged Funds: \$20,000

Total Project Funding: \$67,000

Description:

Cowlitz County is in need to increase overnight tourism. This project creates a Strategic Plan on how to draw more people to fully experience what the county has to offer; especially the area around Mount St. Helens. This will increase opportunities for longer visitor stays within the county and region. Tourism is a cornerstone for economic diversification. Success of this project will result in strengthening the tourism-employment sector, which will help retain and create jobs in the hospitality and other tourism dependant businesses.

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Federal Identifier: WANW-01-006

Grant Name: Downtown Revitalization Project

Applicant: City of Woodland

Contact: Robert VanderZanden, 360-225-7999

Project Start Date: 04/30/2001

Project End Date: 12/31/2003

FS Award: \$24,000

Leveraged Funds: \$9,243

Total Project Funding: \$33,243

Description:

This funding request will develop a Woodland Downtown Revitalization Plan. The Plan will identify a strategy and action plan that will guide the community to improve Downtown's economic vitality through improved access and traffic circulation, improved visual appeal, business diversification and attraction of visitors to the area. This project has ranked #3 on the WACERT list in Cowlitz County. This priority ranking reflects the importance of strengthening the local economy in Downtown Woodland. The Revitalization Plan is much like a Community Action Plan. Completion of the plan will give the community direction for actions and projects that would promote economic diversification. Identified projects could seek other grant funding opportunities. With the diminishment of timber and the division of the City of Woodland by I-5, rebuilding the Downtown area could become a stabilizing factor in the diversification of the Country's local economy. The Revitalization Plan will direct efforts to effectively attract businesses and visitors to the area. Short-term jobs will be created because of renovation efforts. Long-term job creation will result from new business start-ups, additional employees hired, and tourism.

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Federal Identifier: WANW-01-010

Grant Name: Castle Rock Community Action Plan

Applicant: City of Castle Rock

Contact: Ryana Covington, 360-274-8181

Project Start Date: 07/01/2001

Project End Date: 12/31/2003

FS Award: \$20,000

Leveraged Funds: \$6,220

Total Project Funding: \$26,220

Description:

This project will produce a Community Action Plan that will include a vision statement, economic analysis of and opportunities for economic and community development, and strategies and actions that, if implemented, will yield long-term economic, social and environmental improvements to the city and its citizens. There are opportunities for economic revitalization and expansion in the area to improve economic opportunities, community facilities and infrastructure, enhance local decision making capabilities and boost the quality of life. The completion of this plan will focus the community towards projects that will result in tourism, industry growth and new business start-ups. This will result in an increase in jobs and customer growth. As customer growth increases costs for infrastructure maintenance and expansion more feasible.

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Federal Identifier: WANW-01-016
Grant Name: Ryderwood Water Plan Update

Project Start Date: 08/01/2001
Project End Date: 12/31/2002

Applicant: Cowlitz County
Contact: Jeff Rasmussen, 360-577-3030

FS Award: \$15,000
Leveraged Funds: \$21,790
Total Project Funding: \$36,790

Description:

Funding will update the existing general water plan for the community of Ryderwood. The update to the current plan, prepared in 1992, has been required under the operating permit issued for the water system by the Washington State Department of Health. The plan will address new public water system monitoring and treatment regulations that have changed since the current plan was prepared. The existing treatment, storage and distribution system for the community will be evaluated and a facilities plan will be developed to implement recommended improvements.

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Federal Identifier: WANW-01-026
Grant Name: Cougar Community Action Plan

Project Start Date: 09/01/2001
Project End Date: 12/31/2002

Applicant: Cowlitz County
Contact: Mark Plotkin, 360-577-3137

FS Award: \$19,000
Leveraged Funds: \$6,315
Total Project Funding: \$25,315

Description:

Funding will produce a Community Action Plan for residents of Cougar and those living along the corridor of State Route 503. The Plan should yield long-term economic and social improvements to the community and surrounding area. This plan will identify opportunities to promote economic diversification and enhance the local economy, resulting in an increase in new businesses and jobs.

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Federal Identifier: WANW-02-034
Grant Name: Toutle Community Action Plan

Project Start Date: 10/01/2002
Project End Date: 12/31/2003

Applicant: Cowlitz County
Contact: Mark Plotkin, 360-577-3137

FS Award: \$19,500
Leveraged Funds: \$6,600
Total Project Funding: \$26,100

Description:

This project will produce a Community Action Plan for the communities of Cougar and Silver Lake, identifying opportunities and defining strategies to produce economic development that impacts both communities and the surrounding neighborhoods of SR504. Completion of this plan will identify opportunities to promote economic diversification and enhance the local economy. The area does not have a strong economic base due to the decline of logging and other timber related industries. There is a tremendous opportunity for the community to change their economic base if they can capitalize on the increase in the tourism industry. This will result in the increase in new businesses and jobs.

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County: Cowlitz

Federal Identifier: WANW-02-040
Grant Name: SW Washington Tourism Brochure

Applicant: Cowlitz County
Contact: Mark Plotkin, 360-577-3137

Project Start Date: 10/01/2002
Project End Date: 06/30/2004

FS Award: \$22,000
Leveraged Funds: \$48,000
Total Project Funding: \$70,000

Description:

Funding for this project will produce a regional marketing brochure to market counties in the SW Washington Tourism Coalition. Completion of this marketing brochure will help promote the region as a destination. By promoting the region, it is anticipated that visitors will spend more time in the area promoting visitor spending. This in turn will assist in diversifying the economy and getting more money into the counties. More tourism will provide opportunities for new jobs and businesses.

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Federal Identifier: WANW-95-001
Grant Name: Design/Construction of Dock

Applicant: Port of Kalama
Contact: John Fratt, 360-673-2325

Project Start Date: 04/10/1995
Project End Date: 04/09/1997

FS Award: \$250,000
Leveraged Funds: \$73,250
Total Project Funding: \$323,250

Description:

Funds are for the design and construction engineering for the Dock at the North Port Marine Terminal at the Port of Kalama. Completion of this facility will allow existing businesses to expand at this site and new businesses to locate here.

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Federal Identifier: WANW-96-006
Grant Name: Industrial Park Improvements

Applicant: Port of Woodland
Contact: David Ripp, 360-225-6555

Project Start Date: 04/24/1996
Project End Date: 07/31/1997

FS Award: \$150,200
Leveraged Funds: \$234,876
Total Project Funding: \$385,076

Description:

This grant of \$150,200 will provide an interior street for the Woodland Industrial Park, including utilities. The construction of this interior street to the Industrial Park will set the infrastructure in place for job creation. There is a client willing to build on one site and sign a long-term lease once the interior street is completed. This improvement to the Industrial Park

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Federal Identifier: WANW-96-015
Grant Name: North Port Wharf Area Paving

Applicant: Port of Kalama
Contact: John Fratt, 360-673-2325

Project Start Date: 04/30/1996
Project End Date: 04/30/1998

FS Award: \$250,000
Leveraged Funds: \$83,304
Total Project Funding: \$333,304

Description:

This grant of \$250,000 will assist the Port of Kalama in paving a wharf landing/handling area in preparation for the siting of a steel manufacturing facility. This paving contributes to a multi-million dollar partnership with the Port and other Federal and State agencies to diversify the Community's economy. The steel manufacturer, which will locate at this site will employ approximately 200 workers initially and upwards of 400 in the long term. Recruitment and training for these workers in this locally distressed community has already begun.

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County: Cowlitz

Federal Identifier: WANW-97-004
Grant Name: Toutle Community Sewer Plan
Applicant: Cowlitz County
Contact: Joel Rupley, 360-577-3020

Project Start Date: 02/27/1997
Project End Date: 12/31/2001
FS Award: \$71,252
Leveraged Funds: \$59,230
Total Project Funding: \$130,482

Description:

This grant of \$68,752 will help the unincorporated communities of Toutle and Ryderwood, Washington, to complete updated sewer plans and to evaluate the cost of extending the current sewer lines. Evaluation of sewage capacity for future growth of the area is important to maintaining the communities' ability to enhance business expansion opportunities and continue to serve the tourists that pass through the area on their way to Mount St. Helens. Completion of the updated sewer plans will allow Toutle and Ryderwood to comply with Washington State Department of Ecology permitting requirements. The possibility of extending the current sewer lines would reduce the impact of septic tank effluent on water quality in Silver Lake.

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Federal Identifier: WANW-97-029
Grant Name: Cougar Restroom Final Design
Applicant: Port of Woodland
Contact: David Ripp, 360-225-6555

Project Start Date: 09/15/1997
Project End Date: 12/31/2000
FS Award: \$20,675
Leveraged Funds: \$5,447
Total Project Funding: \$26,122

Description:

Final Design for construction of restrooms and community center. The town of Cougar sits along a southern route to the Mt. St. Helens Volcanic Area. These facilities will assist the community in encouraging visitors who pass through this unincorporated community to stop and shop in town.

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Federal Identifier: WNFP-02-009
Grant Name: Wildland Interface Risk Reduction
Applicant: Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue
Contact: Don McWain, 360-575-6290

Project Start Date: 08/01/2002
Project End Date: 12/31/2004
FS Award: \$15,000
Leveraged Funds: \$41,972
Total Project Funding: \$56,972

Description:

Reduce the risk of loss due to wildland fire in partnership with WDNR and private landowners as well as developing response plans to the identified high and moderate hazard areas. The community will benefit from a reduced risk of wildfires as well as improving the fire departments ability to locate homes and respond rapidly to emergencies of all kinds, especially wildfire incidents which in turn will improve the survivability of the entire community.

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County Summary:

Grants Awarded:	19
Total FS Award:	\$1,057,175
Total Leveraged Funds:	<u>\$852,081</u>
Total Project Funding:	\$1,909,256