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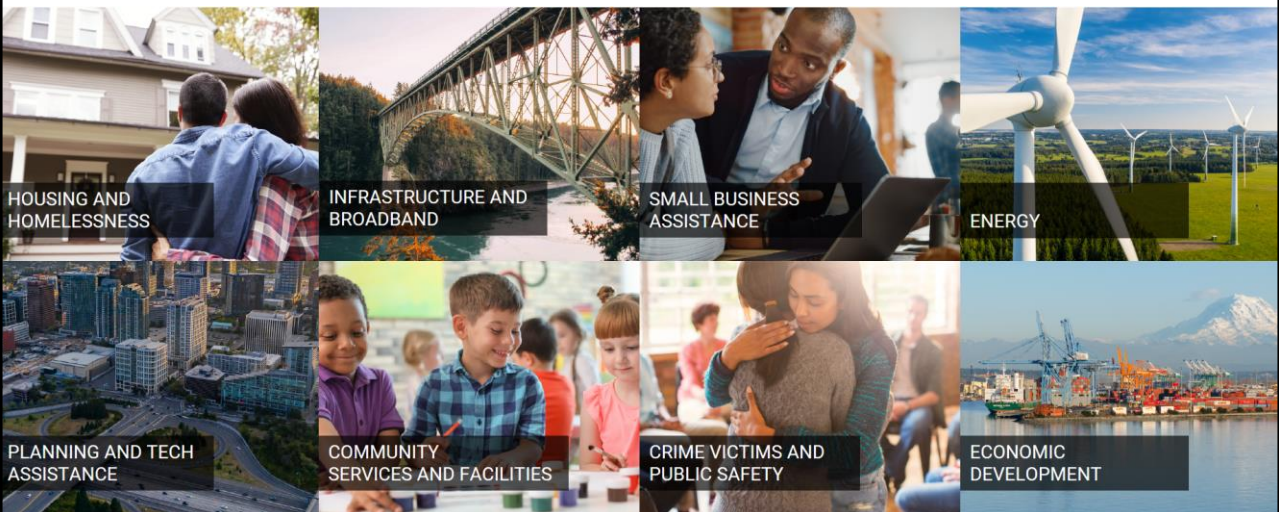
Commerce Resources (and how to access them)

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We strengthen communities



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Commerce Regional Community Engagement Unit

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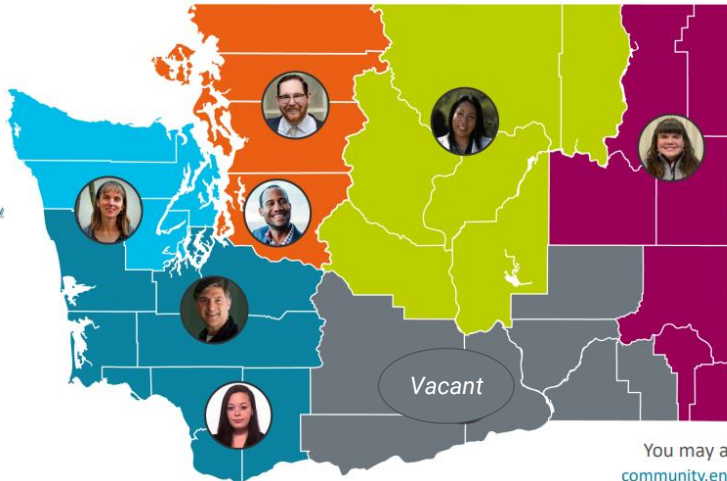
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Goals of Community Engagement

- *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.*





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Where to get information about grants?

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

The screenshot shows the Washington State Department of Commerce website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: 'Serving Communities', 'Building Infrastructure', 'Growing the Economy', and 'Promoting Washington'. The main heading is 'Boards, Commissions and Councils'. Below this, there is a paragraph explaining that the department chairs or holds seats on several independent state boards, commissions, and councils. A photo shows a group of people in a meeting. To the right, there is a sidebar titled 'About Commerce' with a list of links: Executive Team, Jobs at Commerce, Rulemaking, Boards and Councils, Community Engagement, Results Commerce, Reports and Publications, Open Grants, Loans and RFPs, Research Services, Budget and Legislative Information, Commerce OIG Portal, Accessibility Statement, and Equity Statement. Below the photo, there are two sections: 'Affordable Housing Advisory Board (AHAB)' and 'Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)'. The AHAB section states it advises the department on housing and has 22 members. The CERB section states it funds public infrastructure improvements. At the bottom right, there is a section titled 'More Boards and Commissions supported by Commerce Staff' with a list: Building for the Arts, Disabilities Workgroup, and Harford Area Economic Investment Fund Advisory.

Tips of the Trade

- *Have a plan*
- *Engage the community*
- *Collaborate (if it makes sense)*
- *Ask process questions of the funding program*
- *Commerce grant sources vary and requirements do too*
- *Things take time...*
- *Grant Writing Tips!*
 - *Read and answer questions fully*
 - *How you word your grant matters*
 - *Paint an entire picture of your proposed project*
 - *Consider technical assistance and attend provided workshops*

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/>

Current Opportunities

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The Building Communities Fund Program

Opened June 20, 2024

Closes 5pm August 22, 2024

- *2025-2027 Capital Facilities Grants for community-based, non-residential community and social service projects to pay for up to 25% of eligible capital costs to acquire, construct, or rehabilitate non-residential community and social service projects.*

- *Open to: Tribes and non-profit, community-based organizations*

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Energy Efficiency Grant Solicitation EE-024

Opened July 16 (accepting applications Aug. 26 – Sept. 25)

Over \$14 million in Energy Efficiency Retrofits grants

Open to: public entities, including local jurisdictions, agencies, and federally-recognized tribes within Washington;

Changes from the last round of Energy Efficiency grants:

- Grant cap increased to \$1 million, with minimum project size \$100,000.
- Matching funds reduced to 15% (5% for overburdened communities).
- Leased facilities ok if the lease extends beyond useful life of the improvement.
- Cost of energy audit will be reimbursed if conducted after July 1, 2023.
- Priority to Tier 1 buildings (over 50K sq. ft) per Clean Buildings Performance Standard.
- 40% of funds reserved for K-12 public school districts (concept papers ok).

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- **Aug 5:** Pre-application Q&A session
- **Aug 26 to Sept 25:** Applications accepted
- **Sept 19 to Oct 7:** Award notifications
- **Oct 7:** Contracting begins

Get applications in as early as possible – awards will be made on a rolling-basis

Paper to Digital grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: Wed. Aug. 21, 2024 (5:00 p.m.)

Grants of up to \$375,000 are available

Open to: cities and counties seeking to transition from paper to digital permit review processes in order to address housing shortages in their jurisdictions.

Eligible costs may include:

- project planning and scoping;
- purchasing software;
- implementation of a permitting system capable of processing digital permit applications, virtual inspections, electronic review, and with capacity for video storage.

Prioritization will be given to jurisdictions who currently have a paper- only or hybrid permitting system, and are experiencing growth pressures measured by increases in population and residential permitting numbers.

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Open Grants, Loans and RFPs

www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/current-opportunities/

- *State Crisis Intervention Program (secure, store, track, and return relinquished Firearms)*
- *Transportation Electrification Open Funding Opportunities*
- *2024 Homeownership NOFA*
- *Low-income Energy Bill Assistance Program Design RFP*



Thank you!