

KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

October 7, 2019

RE: Sales & Use Tax Public Facilities Application

Dear Applicant,

In 1999 the Legislature passed RCW 82.14.370 “Sales and Use Tax for Distressed Counties-Public Facilities in Rural Counties”. These funds are for the purpose of financing Public Facilities which are defined as bridges, roads, domestic and industrial water facilities, sanitary sewer facilities, earth stabilization, storm sewer facilities, railroad, electricity, natural gas, buildings, structures, telecommunications infrastructure, transportation infrastructure or commercial infrastructure and port facilities in the State of Washington.

On April 18, 2000, the Board of County Commissioner’s signed Resolution #2000-49 directing the Conference of Governments (COG) to select qualified applicant(s) to receive the Distressed County Sales and Use Tax funding. COG is a recognized body that represents the interests of all communities within Kittitas County. COG received guidance and direction from the Board of County Commissioner’s in selecting the qualified applicant(s). The funding will be available January 1, 2020. Projects submitted can request funding for one (1) year or ask for funding over multiple years. If your project is over the amount available, and a qualifying project, multi-year funding may be available. The funding will be within the limitations set forth in Resolution #2000-49.

On July 30, 2007, the Board of County Commissioners approved Ordinance 2007-23 “Ordinance relating to taxation; adding a new chapter to the Kittitas County Code thereby codifying the Distressed County Sales & Use Tax and imposing an additional sales and use tax to be credited against the state tax for purposes of financing public facilities”. This Ordinance was put in place to be compliant with the Second Substitute Senate Bill 5557, Chapter 478, Laws of 2007 that allowed for increase in the rate of tax from 0.08% to 0.09%.

The Kittitas County Department of Public Works distributes the applications and manages the Public Facilities fund. This year, the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting for a second round of applications. The Kittitas County Department of Public Works must receive the applications by **5:00 p.m., November 8, 2019**. Please review RCW 82.14.370 to determine if your project may be eligible for this funding.

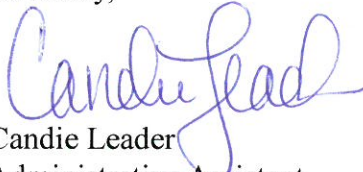
The Public Works Department is attempting to identify as many potential applicants as possible for this years funding cycle. The next grant application cycle will begin in April 2020.

The fact that you received this letter does not imply that your organization has or may have an eligible project. Eligibility will be determined by the Conference of Governments.

Applications are available upon request at the Public Works Department (509) 962-7523 or you can obtain an application off the County website at www.co.kittitas.wa.us/public-works/administration, go to the Public Works page, then Administration, Sales & Use Tax Application. Please provide as much information as possible in the application. No additional information will be accepted after the **November 8, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.** deadline.

If you have any questions on eligibility or the application, please do not hesitate to call the Public Works Department.

Sincerely,



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Administrative Assistant

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Cc: Ellensburg Development Authority
Mayor, City of Ellensburg
Mayor, City of Kittitas
Kittitas County Fairgrounds
Cle Elum-Roslyn Chamber of Commerce
Coal Mines Trail
Cle Elum City Administrator
Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue
Fire District #1
Fire District #3
Fire District #4
Fire District #6
Fire District #7
Fire District #8
Water District #2
Water District #3
Water District #4
Water District #5
Water District #6
Water District #7
City of Roslyn
City of Cle Elum
Town of South Cle Elum
Thorp School District
Kittitas County Hospital District #2
Ellensburg School District
Washington State Horse Park Authority
Kittitas School District
Easton School District
Cle Elum School District