

Community Development Block Grant Program

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State CDBG COVID-19 Response

In response to the COVID-19 emergency, Commerce is distributing these CDBG funds for economic, housing and public services provided by local governments and nonprofits across Washington State.

- \$1.8 million has been distributed through the [CDBG Economic Opportunity Grants for COVID-19 Response Services](#)
- \$38 million from the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is being distributed in allocations as CDBG-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) grants for state and local activities that prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus. Please visit the state's [CDBG-CV Fund page](#) for additional information on these funds.
- [CDBG COVID-19 Response Funding FAQs](#)



Program links

[CARES Act CDBG-CV Funds](#)

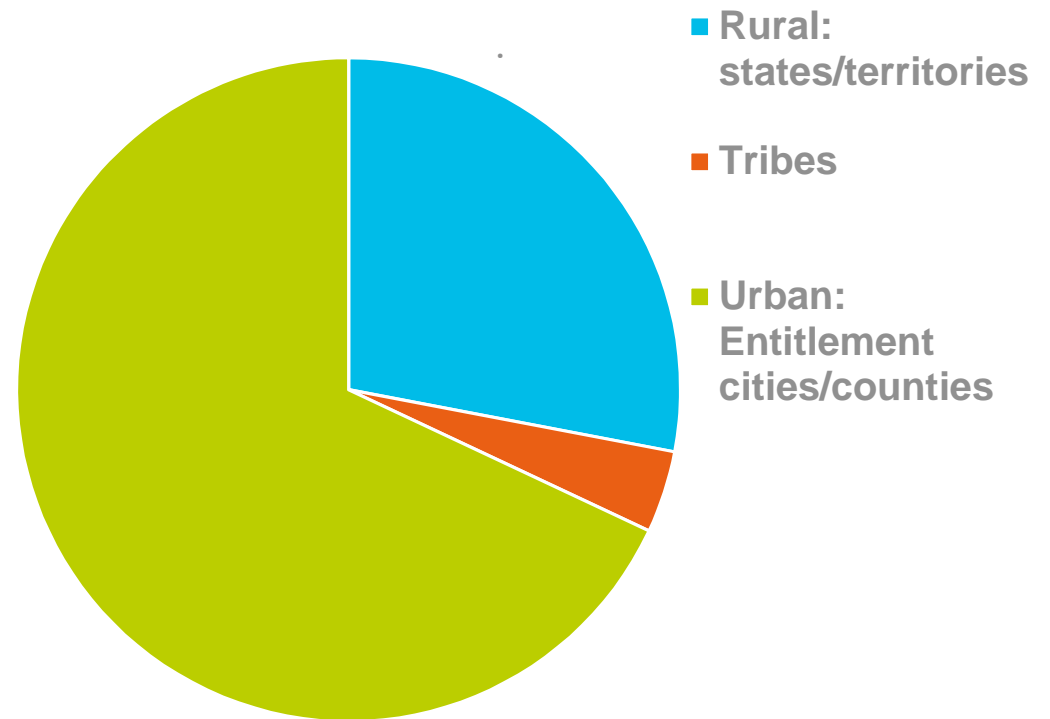
[CDBG General Purpose Grants](#)

[CDBG Specialty Grants](#)

[Consolidated Plan and Action Plan](#)

Community Development Block Grant

- US Dept of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
- National CDBG budget distribution



Indian Community Development Block Grant program

- ICDBG
- Administered by HUD Northwest Office of Native American Programs (NWNAP)
- 206.220.5270

Muckleshoot Housing Authority
Community Garden



Urban / entitlement CDBG programs

- Entitlement status based on population :
 - Cities 50,000+
 - Counties 200,000+
- 31 local CDBG programs in WA State
- Contact city or county community development office

2021 CDBG allocations:

- Anacortes - \$116,081
- Seattle - \$9.5 million
- King County - \$5.75 million
- All WA entitlement - \$45.83 M

Rural / non-entitlement St CDBG program

- State CDBG program administered by the State Dept of Commerce
- 193 rural cities/towns and counties can apply
- 2021 allocation: \$13.25 million



City of Brewster Water Reservoirs

WA State CDBG funds

General Purpose Grants

\$11+ million

- Annual, competitive application

Public Services Grants

\$1.5 million

- Formula distribution to 17 counties with community action programs as subrecipients

Housing Enhancement Grants

\$200,000

- Supplements State Housing Trust Fund

State CDBG - Who is Eligible to Apply?

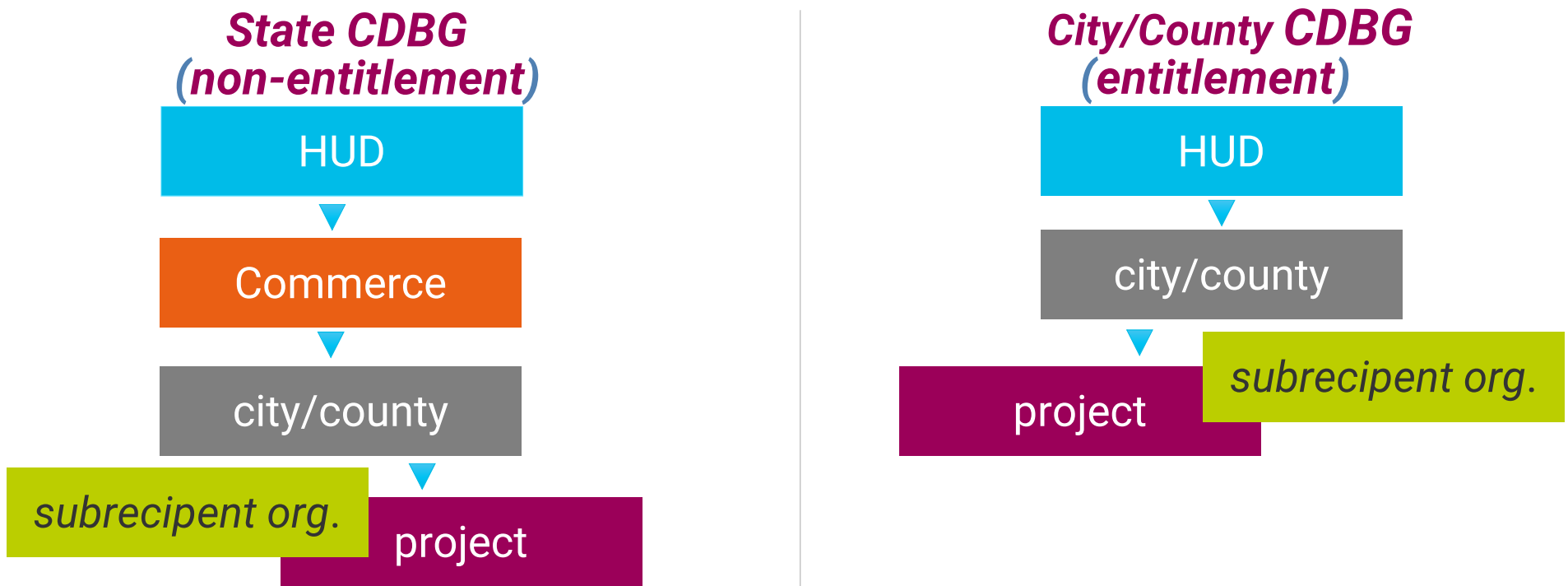
- **Cities/towns** < 50,000 (and not in a CDBG urban county)
- **Counties** < 200,000
- Complete list and map on CDBG website
- Subrecipients can be used to implement project with local government oversight
 - special purpose districts, housing authorities, nonprofit organizations, etc.

State CDBG vs Local CDBG Program Areas



<p>■ Non-Entitlement Counties</p>	<p>■ Entitlement Counties</p>	<p>Entitlement cities not served by the state CDBG program, but in non-entitlement counties:</p>	
<p>These counties and the cities/towns in these counties except the 11 listed to the far right, are served by the state CDBG program.</p>	<p>These 7 counties and the cities/towns in these counties are not served by the state CDBG program except Bonney Lake in Pierce County .</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anacortes • Bellingham • Longview • Mount Vernon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richland, Pasco, Kennewick • Wenatchee, East Wenatchee • Walla Walla • Yakima

CDBG flow of funds to projects



HUD requirements

- **Each CDBG program will:**
 1. Assess needs and determine priorities
 2. Include community input
 3. Submit a 5-yr Plan and annual Action Plan to HUD
 4. Select projects for CDBG funding



CDBG Eligible activities

Planning, acquisition, design and construction

- Public infrastructure
- Public or nonprofit facilities
- In support of select affordable housing or job creation projects



CDBG Eligible activities

Local assistance programs

- Housing rehabilitation
- Microenterprise assistance



CDBG ineligible activities

- Government executive and administrative buildings
- Facility operations and maintenance
- New housing construction
- Activities that can't comply with federal requirements



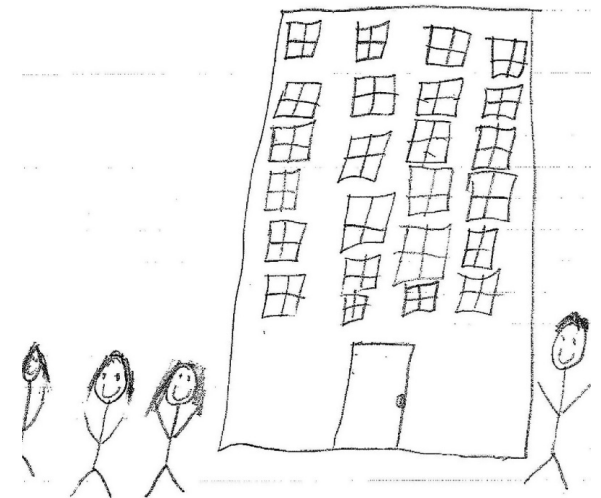
CDBG federal requirements

- Environmental Review (SEPA/NEPA)
- Procurement
- Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage
- Civil Rights
- Acquisition and relocation (seller/tenant rights)
- Financial management and audit
- Subrecipient monitoring

CDBG purpose = benefit to LMI persons

LMI = low- and moderate-income

- Less than 80% of county median income
- Ex. 1- \$56,500 family of 4 persons in Adams County
- Ex. 2 - \$62,400 family of 4 persons in San Juan County



LMI persons - Area Benefit

- Service area is primarily residential and clearly defined
- At least 51% of residents are LMI

Documentation:

- Map of project location
- Map of service area boundaries
- HUD LMI place or block group data
- Income survey results/validation
- # persons and LMI percentage



LMI persons – Direct Benefit

Direct benefit activities

- Provide services directly to LMI persons, or
- Benefits a specific group of people as long as at least 51% of those served are LMI persons



LMI person - Direct Benefit

Projects can provide direct benefit in the following ways:

- Limited Clientele (limit services or facilities to LMI persons)
 - Presumed benefit special group
 - Income qualification process
- Housing rehabilitation for LMI persons
- Microenterprise assistance or Jobs for LMI persons

CDBG General Purpose (GP) Grant

Timeline

- March – workshops
- June – due date
- September – awards



2022 CDBG GP Leads

- Jacquie Andresen
- Margie Hall

Max grant (2021)

- \$900,000 construction
- \$500,000 housing rehab
- \$250,000 microenterprise
- \$30,000 planning

CDBG General Purpose Grant

Rating Criteria

- Financial need for grant
- Project need/impact to residents
- Local prioritization/plans
- Readiness
- Outcomes



Selection Process

Threshold review for eligibility

- Issues may reduce Capacity narrative score

Rating and selection

- Must receive at least 65 points

Rating points up to 100:

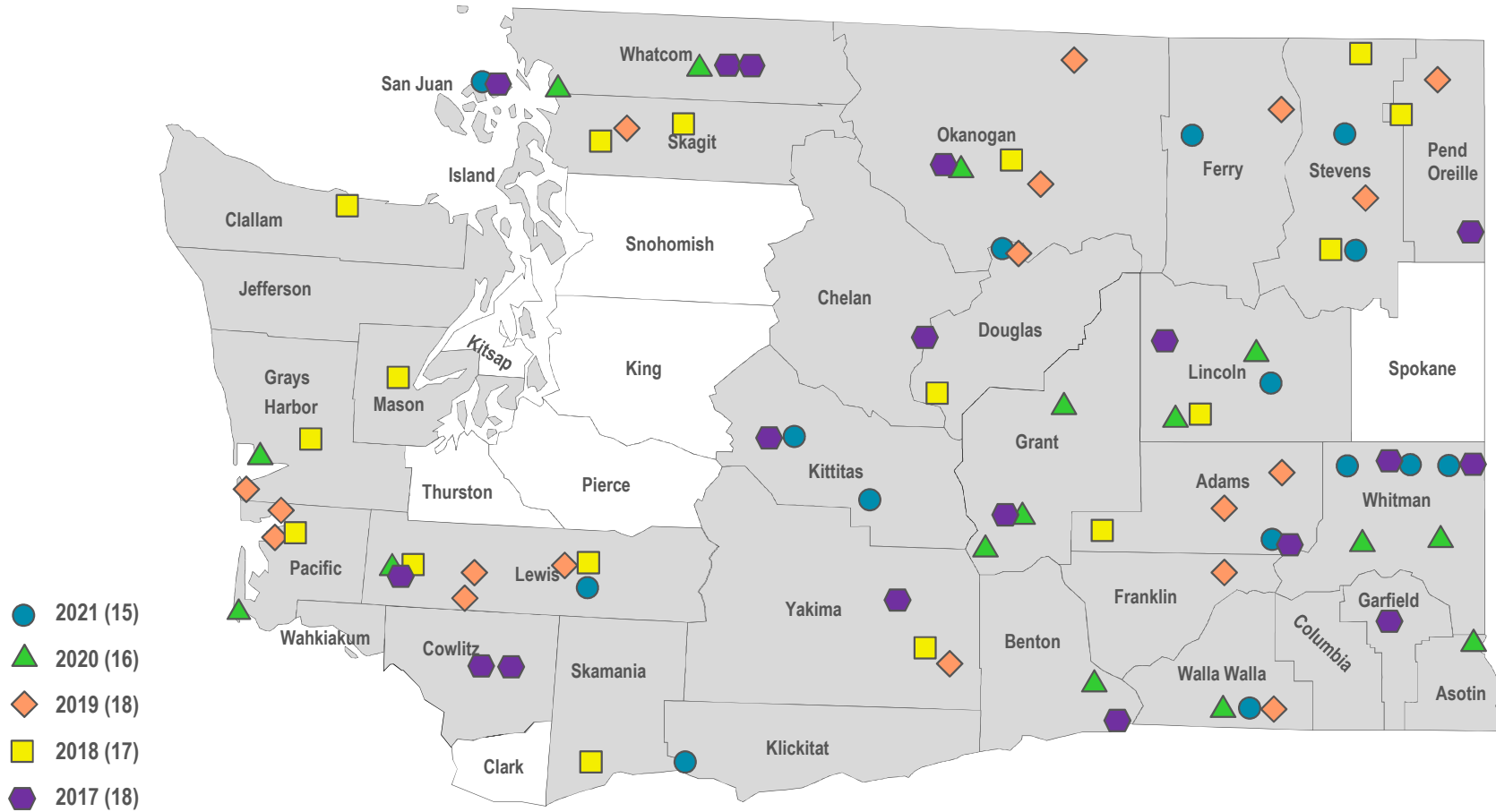
- Financial Review - 20
- Need - 20
- Capacity - 20
- Readiness/Feasibility - 20
- Results - 20

CDBG – recommended next steps

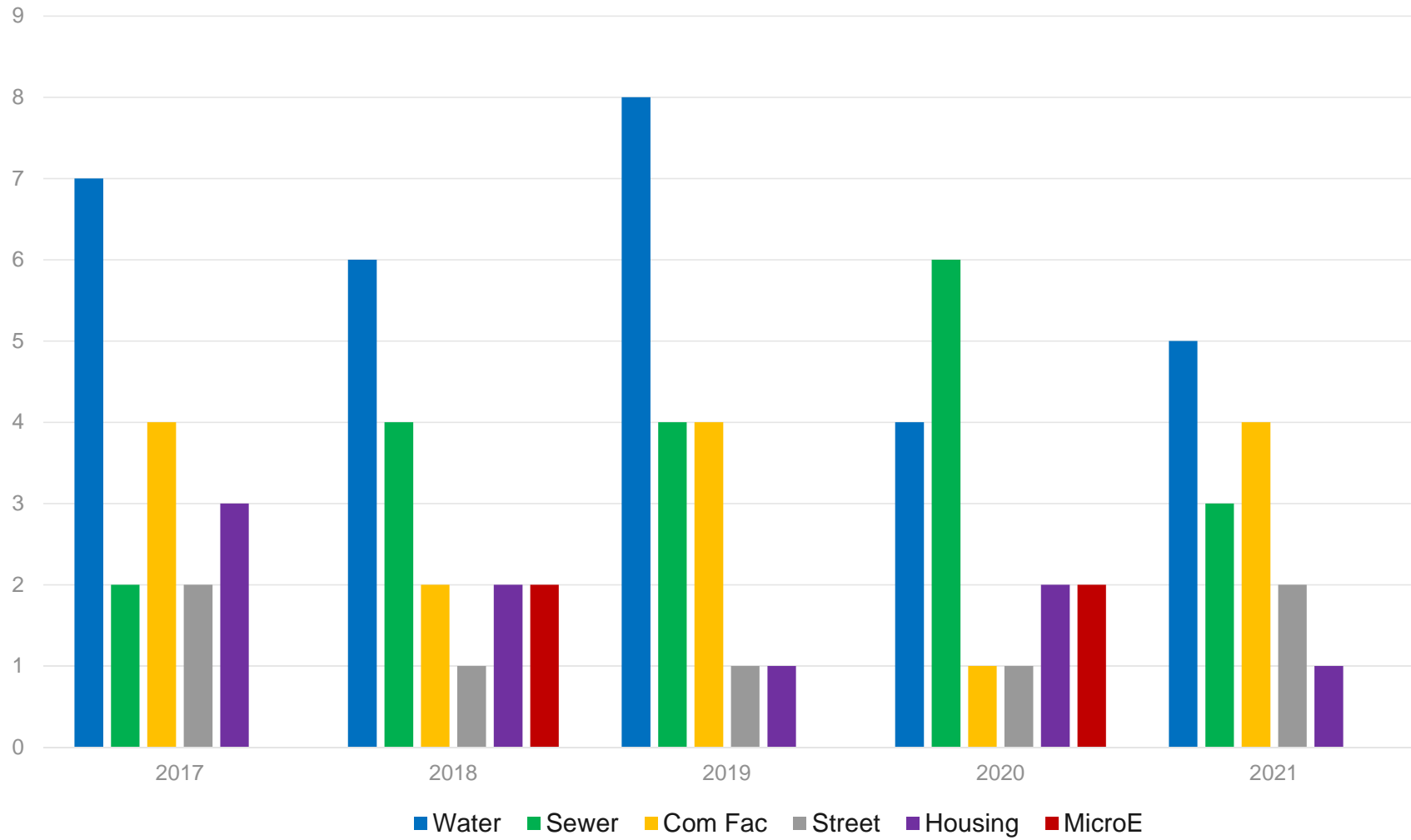
- **Determine project fit with CDBG**
 - Eligible activity, benefit to LMI, need, ready
- **Develop project budget**
- **Contact CDBG staff**
- **Research and apply to funding (loan) partners**
- **Visit Commerce/CDBG website for news and documents**
- **Attend CDBG application workshop in March**



2017-2021 CDBG GENERAL PURPOSE PROGRAM Construction or Local Assistance Grant Awards



Type of CDBG Project by Year



Potential changes for 2022

- **Increase maximum construction grant amount to \$1 million**



Potential changes for 2022

- Reduce narrative questions & max. # of pages



Potential changes for 2022

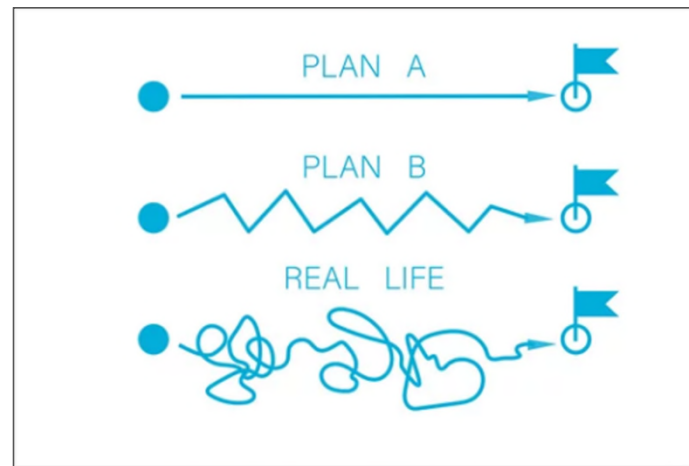
- **Remove Capacity section from application narrative**

Rating points up to 100:

- Financial Review - 30
- Need - 30
- ~~Capacity - 00~~
- Readiness/Feasibility - 20
- Results - 20

Potential changes for 2022

- **Planning application considerations**

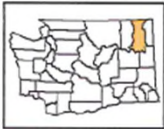


Potential changes for 2022

- Speed up application & award timeline



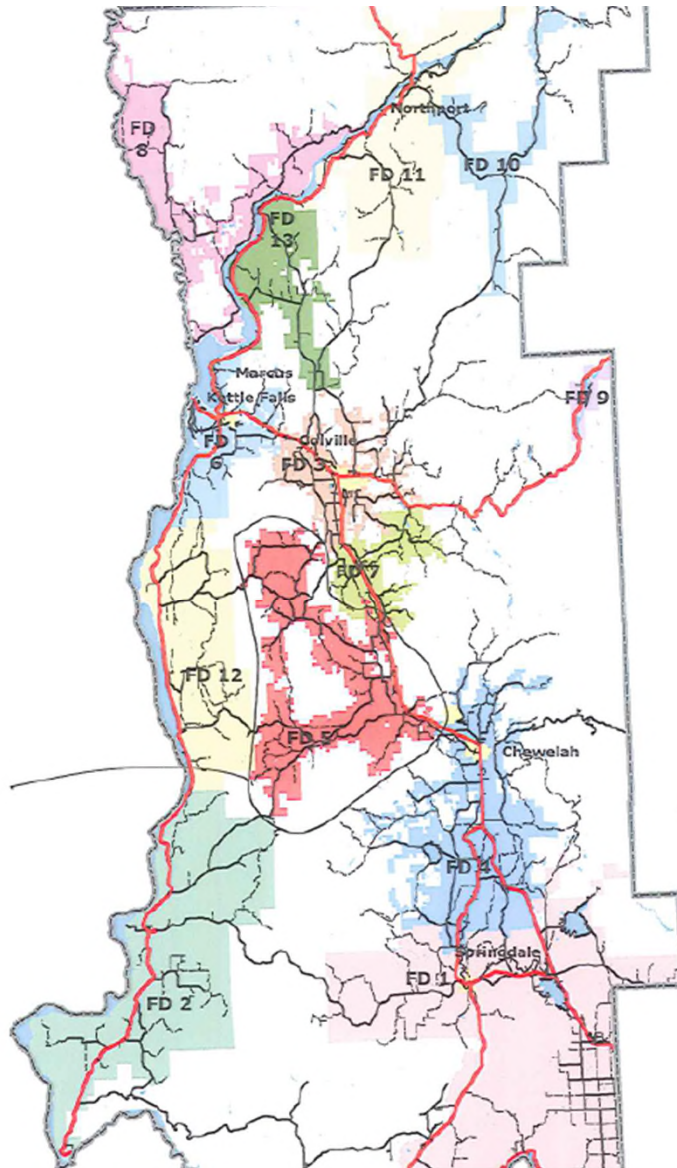
Stevens County
Washington



Legend

- County Boundary
- State Highway
- Paved
- Gravel

SCFD #5
BENEFIT
AREA



Stevens County

Fire District No. 3 Addy Station



City of Vader



City of Vader



Year-Round Technical Assistance

Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council

<http://www.infracfunding.wa.gov/techAssistance.html>

Go to Technical Assistance web page

Select “Request Technical Assistance” button at bottom of page

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Other handouts, resources and
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