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CERB Rural Broadband PROGRAM





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Fund public infrastructure to provide high-speed, open-access broadband service, to rural and underserved communities, for the purpose of community and economic development.



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CERB Rural Broadband Investment 2018-2023

\$37,819,319 Invested

27 Projects

~71 Communities

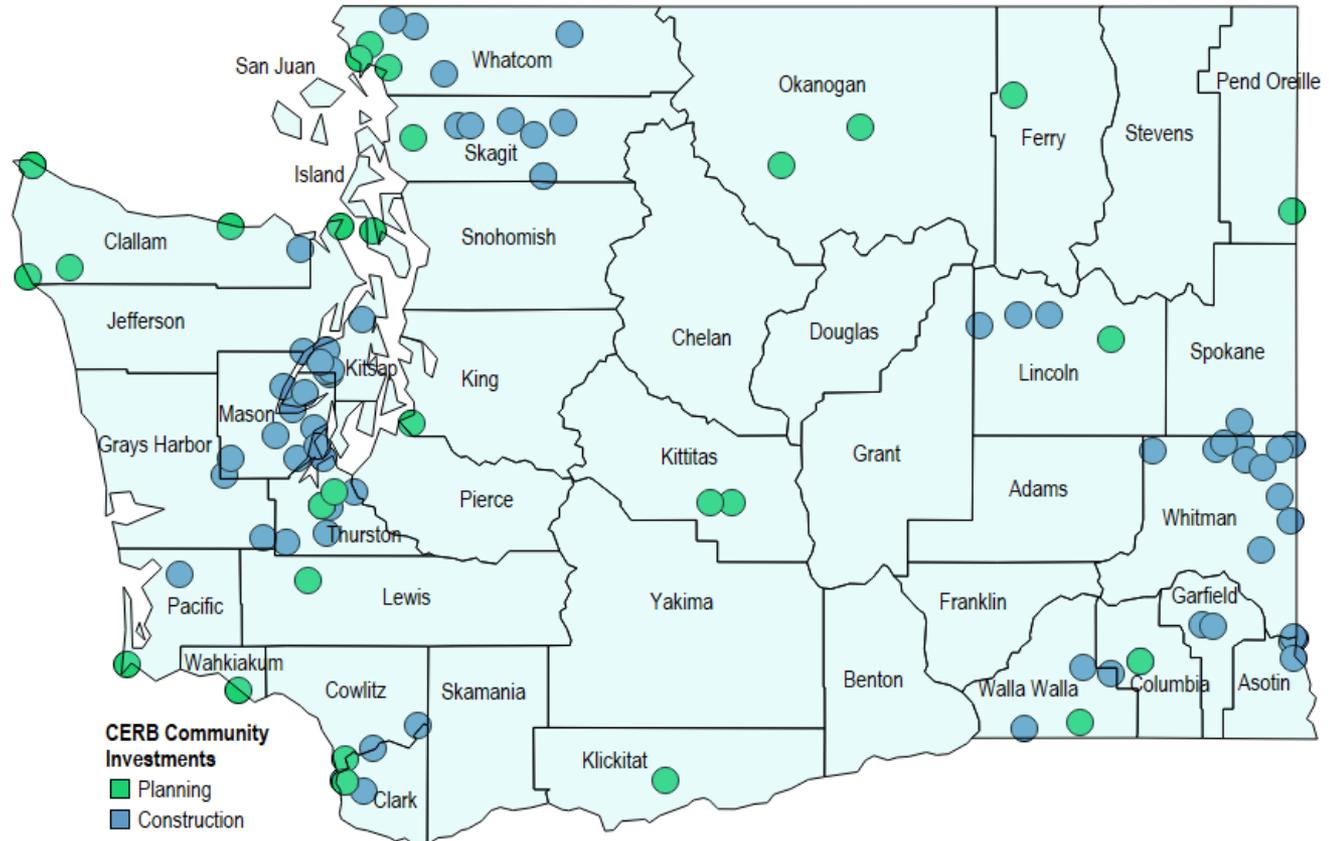
~15,087 Connections

~121 ISPs

5 Towers

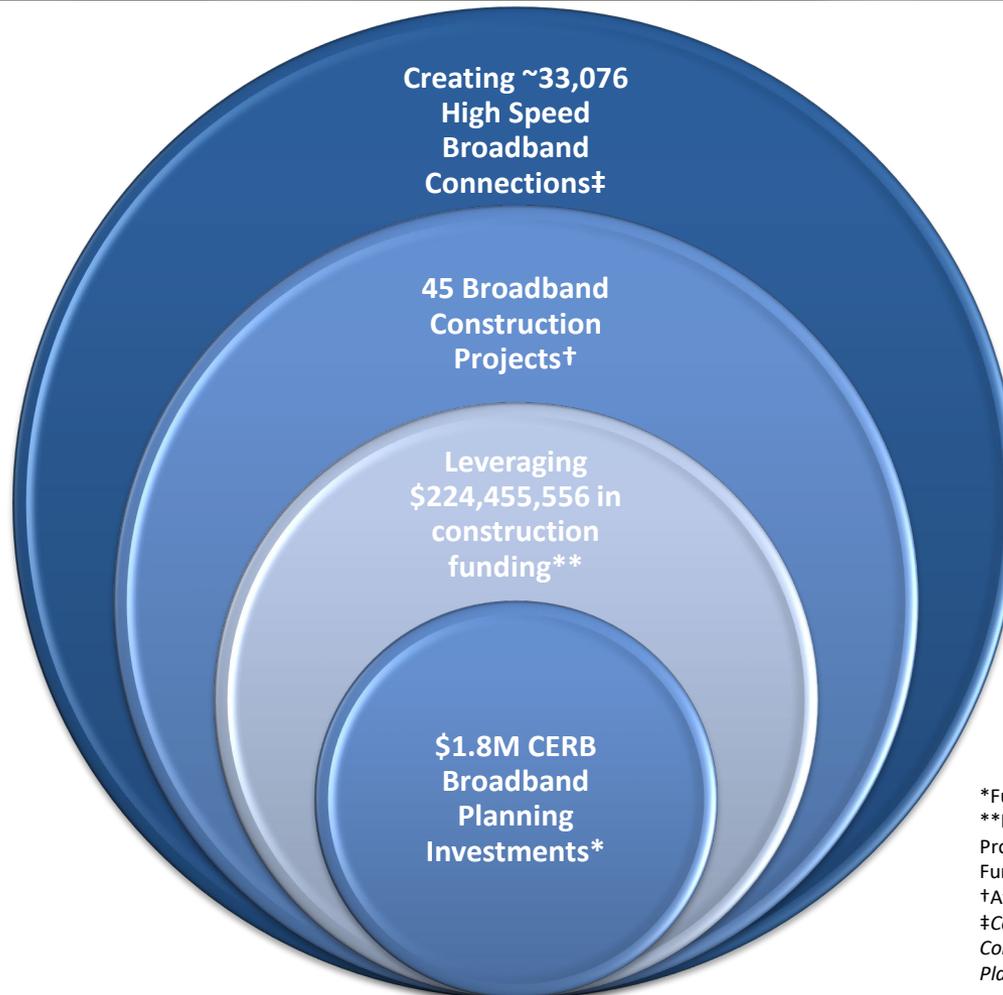
~520 miles of fiber

\$2,507 Cost per
Connection





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*Funded through CERB's Planning Program.
**Projects funded through State Administered Broadband Programs. Does not include match or direct Federal Funding.
†Average cost per project \$498,790
‡Cost per connection:
Construction \$6,786
Planning \$55



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State Funding

Port of Willapa Harbor

Port of Willapa Harbor - July 2019, Received a \$97,500 loan/grant the Raymond Port Dock Optic Extension Project.



Construction of approximately 2,400 feet of fiber from the Pacific County PUD backbone system to the Raymond Port Dock Industrial Area, to support the Harbor Trade & Technology Center (HTTC).

CERB funds were matched by \$50,398 in local resources.

Completed – Fall 2019

- 11 1G/1G Businesses/Anchor Institutions

- Applied in May
- Approved in July
- Project completed 10/2019
- Increasing connections speeds from 10/1 to 1/G





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Federal Funding



Port of Columbia – March 2019, received a \$50,000 planning grant for the Port of Columbia Broadband Planning Study.

July 2021, Received a \$2,000,000 grant for the Dayton Community Broadband Project.

Engineering and construction of broadband infrastructure to serve the City of Dayton and outlying adjacent areas.

CERB funds were matched by \$500,000 in local resources and \$808,333 from the State Broadband Office.

Completing - Winter 2023
- 1,139 1G/1G Households
- 140 1G/1G Businesses





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2024 Broadband Proposed Legislation

Legislation: Codification of CERB's Rural Broadband Program into RCW 43.160.

Funding: No additional funding. Projects will be funded from CERB's biennial appropriation.

Staffing: No additional staffing. CERB has administered this program since 2018, CERB has also funded broadband planning, through Core CERB funding.

Codification: Gives CERB the authority to permanently administer the current Broadband Program within Core CERB programming. This will provide local governments and Tribes a sustainable funding partner for their community broadband needs.





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THANK YOU!

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