



Washington State

# Public Works Board

## CHAMPIONS OF WASHINGTON'S INFRASTRUCTURE

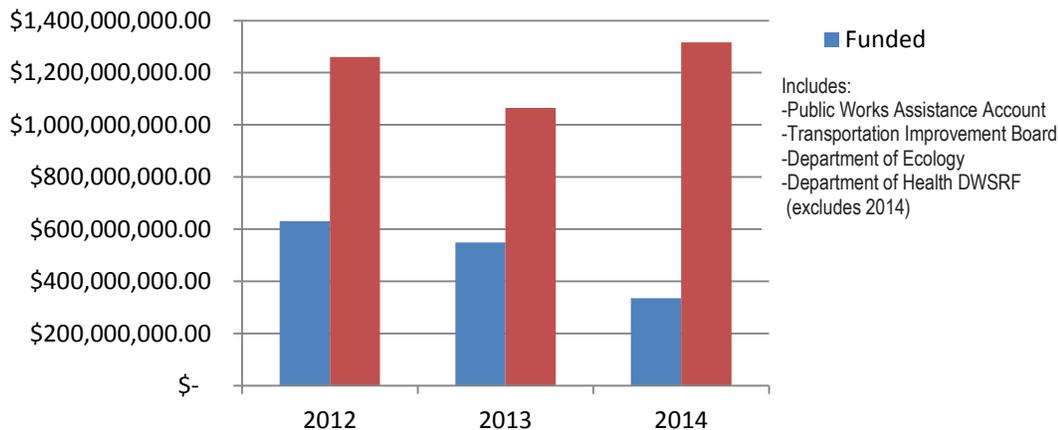
Every citizen and company doing business in Washington expects that when a water faucet is turned on clean, safe drinking water will pour out. Waste water will be carried away. Roads and bridges will carry families and goods to market safely. Every one of these is possible only because of a complex system of nearly invisible infrastructure—ranging from pipes, pumps, power houses, and reservoirs to structural support systems and so much more.

This is the work done by your Public Works Board through the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA). In 2013 the Washington Legislature swept monies from this revolving account and the dedicated tax revenue streams for the next six years. The result is a reduction of the already diminished loan capacity of the PWAA by more than a billion dollars. **The Governor's proposed 2015-17 budget offers \$69.7 Million to fund 19 projects (page 2). The \$69.7 Million stems from loan repayment money received from prior years' loans.**

## RESTORE WASHINGTON'S INFRASTRUCTURE & THE PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT!

The PWB works with other state and federal agencies to fund projects that require multiple funding sources. The PWAA provides matching funds for Washington's Federal Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund programs.

## STATE RESOURCES TO LOCAL DEMAND



## WHY MULTIPLE FUNDING PROGRAMS?

- Some projects are too expensive for a single program to fund.
- Projects that address multiple systems (road/water/sewer) run into program restrictions to just one specific system types.
- The demand for funds exceeds the resources available for water, sewer, and transportation programs.
- State funding programs leverage funding from federal programs.

## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!

In 1985, the Washington State Legislature created the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA). It commissioned the Public Works Board to administer the account and to use it to finance critical local government public works projects.

Since 1985, the Board has made over 1,900 loans and has had no defaults. The Board's administrative costs to manage a \$2.8 Billion portfolio has been lower than 1%.

The Board is a citizen board, consisting of 13 Governor-appointed members chosen from stakeholder groups and the general public. It gets its statutory authority from RCW 43.155 and RCW 70.119A.170.

The Board's mission is to provide financial and technical assistance to Washington's communities for critical public health, safety and environmental infrastructure that support community and economic development.

# Governor Inslee's 2015-2017 Budget Proposed 2016 Construction Loan List

## *Jobs, Schools & Businesses!*

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Loan Amount</b>
Bellingham	Cornwall Avenue Landfill	\$4,000,000
Bonney Lake	SR 410 - 214th Ave E Intersection Improvements	\$5,200,000
Camas	NW 6th Ave Rehabilitation	\$1,900,000
Duvall	SR 203 Safety Improvements & Road Reconstruction Coe Clemens Creek	\$1,500,000
Ilwaco	Sahalee Water System Improvements	\$1,258,000
Kelso	Yew Street Reconstruction	\$1,411,000
Kennewick	Southridge Area Infrastructure Development	\$7,000,000
King County	North Beach CSO	\$7,000,000
Lake Forest Park Water District	Priority Steel Pipe Replacements 2014-2017	\$1,700,000
Lakehaven Utility District	Lakota Digester Mixer Project	\$5,000,000
Lexington Flood Control District	S Fork Mccorkle Creek Stormwater Detention Facility	\$4,600,000
Longview	Washington Way Bridge Replacement	\$1,380,000
Othello	SR 24 Industrial Area Sewer System Improvements	\$3,000,000
Point Roberts Water District #4	Water Main Replacement	\$4,732,000
Port Angeles	Landfill Cell Stabilization	\$7,000,000
Port Townsend	LT2ESWTR Water Treatment Facility	\$5,000,000
Sunland Water District	Water Metering	\$325,000
Walla Walla	AMI Water Meter Replacement	\$5,927,000
Warden	Well #8 and Well #9	\$1,800,000
		<b>\$69,733,000</b>

**These requests are leveraged with an additional \$51 Million in other funds and will create nearly 500 jobs. Funded projects will serve approximately 8,874 businesses, 109 schools (47,972 students) and 34 community facilities.**

**Revolving loan repayment funds from the Public Works Assistance Account will fund these projects.**

***“Other funding programs (particularly federal) fix critical infrastructure that is broken. The Public Works Board funds projects to prevent critical infrastructure from breaking.”***  
*– Katy Isaksen, former Public Works Board member*

## The Cost of Going to the Bond Market

**The City of Bellingham (Whatcom County)** was impacted when their 2014 Public Works Board application for wastewater treatment improvements wasn't funded, and they were forced to go to the bond market.



Funding in the amount of \$13.6 Million from the Public Works Assistant Account (PWAA) was factored into the City's original financial model before construction began in 2012. Governor Gregoire's recommendation of reducing the funding offer to \$6.3 Million would have helped as well, but to have their funding disappear completely with construction of their \$55 million project nearly 50% complete was alarming.



While Bellingham was able to successfully manage the change of funding, the net result is that it will cost several hundred thousand dollars annually in interest on the bonds. **The additional cost to the City is \$6.6 Million in debt service.** They will now pay 4.7% interest instead of the 0.5% interest offered by the PWAA. These are dollars that could be better spent on providing other City services. PWAA funds are an economic engine that creates jobs in communities while providing a low-cost mechanism for much needed essential City services.

## Helping Washington's Smaller Communities

**The City of Leavenworth (Chelan County)** Phase I - Division & Front Street Stormwater / Utility Improvements



***"The City is very appreciative of the PWB program, which is helpful to small cities in getting their projects completed. A big thank you to the Board and the work the staffers do."***  
– Joel Walinski, City Administrator

This project, completed in 2012, was the full street reconstruction of a five city block area which included the addition of sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, curb and gutter and stormwater/utility improvements. A PWB Pre-construction loan funded the planning and design based on the City's Downtown Master Plan. The Master Plan identified community streetscape enhancements that encourage economic development and neighborhood revitalization in a commercial district.



Construction funding came from the Transportation Improvement Board, a PWB loan, and funding from the City Utility and Transportation Benefit District. The total project cost was \$1,963,905 with 49% coming from the PWB, which funded the water and sewer utility improvements including stormwater issues associated with this project.

## Academies

Since November 2012, the Board has conducted six regional academies across the state. Leaders and managers from local governments, special purpose districts, regional associations, economic development councils, tribes, ports, and special purpose districts attended, and engaged in identifying local issues and potential solutions. For more information on the academies, please visit our [website](#).

*“Finding out what the common issues are, ways that the State and Federal government may be able to work together, especially regarding funding, is key”*

## Board Members

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## Technical Assistance

The Board's staff can help develop funding strategies for infrastructure projects; convene [tech team](#) meetings; provide ongoing project assistance; issue resolution; assess your organization's capacity and needs.

## Partners

Association of Washington Cities  
Community Economic Revitalization Board  
County Road Administration Board  
Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation  
Department of Commerce  
Department of Ecology  
Department of Health  
Department of Transportation  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Evergreen Rural Water of Washington  
Governor's Office of Regulatory & Innovative  
Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council  
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Recreation & Conservation Office  
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*“Public Works Board loans provide an important source to achieve full funding. Proliferating partially funded projects results only in unsuccessful projects. The State needs strong funding programs, working together to ensure fully-funded and completed projects.”*

- Steve Gorcester, Transportation Improvement Board