
Clearwater Economic Development Association 2009 ANNUAL REPORT January 1 – December 31, 2008

Development takes a team that can transform good ideas into reality! Thanks to all determined community leaders, competent project designers and coordinators, and willing funding partners!

GRANT AWARDS

Lewiston Nez Perce County Airpark US Department of Commerce, EDA	\$1,935,000
Nezperce Infrastructure Idaho Community Development Block Grant	\$ 500,000
Riggins Wastewater Idaho Community Development Block Grant	\$ 500,000
Region II Telemental Health Network State of Idaho, Department of Health & Welfare	\$ 112,250
International Trade Initiative USDA Rural Business Opportunities Grant	\$ 76,500
Regional Planning Grant US Department of Commerce, EDA	\$ 74,000
Kalyer's Bend Golf Course –Turn Lane GEM Grant	\$ 30,000
Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers-Needs Assessment GEM Grant	\$ 25,000
Whiskey Creek Water & Sewer Facility Plan GEM Grant	<u>\$ 4,036</u>
TOTAL AWARDS:	\$3,256,786

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Clearwater Economic Development District's *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy*: CEDA is the planning organization for the EDA Clearwater Economic Development District and is responsible for oversight of the region's planning document. The District encompasses the five counties of North Central Idaho. In addition to updates to the CEDS, CEDA kept EDA and other funding agencies informed of the region's priority projects—responding to a call for projects in preparation for the US Economic Stimulus initiative. In preparation for a complete revision of the CEDS, a survey has been assembled and will be distributed Spring 2009. *Tim Rubio*

Collaborative of Economic Development Professionals of North Central Idaho/Southeast Washington: CEDA hosted four (4) quarterly meetings of the economic development partners in the region. The purpose is to inform each other of actions being taken regionally to address economic development issues and capitalize on opportunities. *Christine Frei*

North Central Idaho CENSUS PSAP Initiative: CEDA is coordinating the North Central Idaho counties' review of the census tracts, census block groups, census designated places (CDPs), and census county divisions. *Christine Frei*

Telecommunication Initiative: CEDA worked with the North Central Idaho Telecommunication Work Group and completed a Wide Area Network Schematic Design and Deployment Plan that is designed to address the broadband backbone issues in North Central Idaho.

CEDA entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with Frontier Communications to jointly promote and seek funding for the Riggins to Grangeville fiber connection. Plans are beginning to take shape to jointly promote and secure funding for the project.

CEDA worked with USDA Rural Development to close out two (2) Rural Business Enterprise Grants that funded the Telecom initiative and procurement for the Grangeville to Riggins Fiber Connection proposal.

CEDA continues to work with stakeholders to implement the deployment plan. FirstStep Internet is planning for comprehensive deployment of the multi-user network. Funding for the initiative will be a combination of private investment, grants, and Rural Utilities Services (RUS) financing.

CEDA sought information from the Idaho Regional Optical Network (IRON) on their plans for broadband. IRON is a non-profit statewide organization focused on broadband for research.

CEDA made an inquiry through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) on the funding freeze for Rural Utilities Service loan dollars for North Central Idaho that proved a barrier for loan applications. Following CEDA's actions, the loan application that was freezing the funds was rescinded. This opened up RUS dollars for our region. CEDA actions may or may not have impacted the desired results.

Member counties and communities donated \$13,750 to the initiative. Contributions were received from: Idaho County, Lewis County, Cottonwood, Craigmont, Nezperce, Kamiah, Elk River, and Orofino. *Christine Frei*

TeleMental Health Initiative: CEDA worked with the five hospitals in North Central Idaho, the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, and the Region II Mental Health Board in the development of a private network system to provide adult and children's psychiatric services throughout the region. A network system was designed and approved, procurement is complete for equipment, and agreements have been made between participants. The project is 50% complete. *Christine Frei*

Idaho's Mobility and Access Pathways (IMAP): CEDA contracted with the Idaho Department of Transportation to provide coordination services in the region to establish the structure for the IMAP Program. The program is to assist in coordination, planning, and funding public transit initiatives. CEDA worked to identify grass roots people to provide input into the new program and helped ITD to develop Local Mobility Management Networks and find volunteers to represent the region on the District Coordination Council. CEDA will continue services until Summer 2009. *Rachel Stocking*

Economic Development Districts of Idaho: CEDA worked with the other five economic development districts on an Economic Impact Report. The 2008 Impact Report was made available to the 2008 State Legislature and other partners throughout the State of Idaho.
Christine Frei

Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Appropriations: The Governor's Trail Committee funded the following projects with 2006 appropriations. CEDA manages the Lewis Clark Bicentennial Direct Appropriations for the committee. *Jenni Schacher*

Recipient	Project	Amt.
Kamiah Chamber of Commerce	Riverfront Park Kiosks- Enhancement of the kiosk: Ceramic tiles depicting flora, fauna, birds and/or animals important to the Corp of Discovery and the Nimipuu with a brief narration	\$14,365.00
Kamiah Chamber of Commerce	Riverfront Park Murals- four murals (1 - each season) depicting a Nimiipuu encampment. Original art work is on display at the Kamiah Welcome Center	\$23,400.00
Jack O Connor Center, Lewiston	Kiosk- located at Hells Gate Visitor Center. Interpretive kiosk, panels interpret more of the LC story such as their side trip up the Snake River and interactions with the Nez Perce.	\$30,000.00
Jack O Connor Center, Lewiston	Topographic Map - Interactive topographic located at Hells Gate Visitor Center. Map western Montana all of north Idaho and some of WA and OR. LED fiber optic lights that can be manually activated showing the primary route of L & C, secondary routes (Ordway) and side trips, campsites and modern-day geographical features.	\$50,000.00
Lewiston City of	Pioneer Park Sacajawea Fountain -replacement of pedestal and bring fountain back to working condition, interpretive panels describing Sacajawea and the Nez Perce story behind the coyotes	\$50,000.00
Friends of the Weippe Library	Upgrades to LC Discovery Museum at Weippe	\$100,000.00
University of Idaho	Transcribe & digitize large collection of audio tapes of Nez Perce tribal historians, archaeologist, historians, and wildlife managers. Transcripts will be made available remotely via the University of Idaho Library catalog, as well as shared with other NC Idaho libraries and agencies.	\$1,920.00
University of Idaho	3rd Volume - Completion of published written history covering gate primary sources of he history of the Nez Perce people and the Clearwater Valley in the 18th and 19th century	\$2,190.00
CEDA	Connect LC Sites - Connecting key sites indentified during the LC Bicentennial Commemoration. Enhancing tourist experience throughout Idaho in particular NCI.	\$55,000.00
North Central	Cont LC Legacy focusing on view shed protection	\$27,000.00

Idaho Travel Assn		
Idaho Fish and Game, Grangeville	Tolo Lake Interpretative Panels - Illustrating the Nez Perce connection to the site and prelude to the White Bird Battle, the discovery of Pleistocene mammals, and interpretation of the nearby Ordway Trail	\$2,200.00
North Central Idaho Total:		\$356,075.00
Idaho Humanities Council	Speakers Bureau	\$6,000.00
City of Salmon/Salmon Valley Stewardship		\$60,000.00
Idaho Botanical Garden	Greenhouse	\$30,000.00
Idaho State Historical Society	Discovery Trail	\$25,000.00
Lemhi County Humane Society	Dog Park Improve.	\$13,550.00
Idaho Botanical Garden	Fence	\$32,000.00
Other Total:		\$166,550.00

As of December 31, 2008, twelve (12) Lewis Clark Bicentennial projects remain open with an estimated \$45,000 in discretionary funds (unallocated). The Governor's Trail Committee will meet in March 2009 to determine the use of the remaining funds.

Community Projects in Implementation

Project:	CEDA's Involvement	Project Phase	Anticipated Date to begin construction	Anticipated Date for Completion	Responsible CEDA Staff
Lewiston Nez Perce County Regional Airport Southpark	Grant Admin	Design	Spring 09	Fall 09	Jenni
Pierce Water Upgrade	Grant Admin	Phase II Construction	In Process	Spring 09	Jenni
Riggins Wastewater Upgrade	Grant Admin	Design	Winter 09	Summer 09	Jenni
Nezperce Infrastructure	Grant Admin	Design	Spring 09	Fall 09	Rachel
Lapwai Valley Wastewater Treatment System	Grant Admin	Design	Winter 09	Winter 10	Jenni
Reubens Community Center	Grant Admin	Closeout	Construction complete	Closed Out	Jenni
Lewis Clark-Linking Key Sites	Project Oversight	Phase I – Survey of Participants	Winter 09	Spring 09	Rachel

Community Projects in Development:

Project:	CEDA's Involvement:	Project Status:	Responsible CEDA Staff
Nezperce Tribe Training Center	Technical Assistance Procurement	Feasibility Study	Tim
Nezperce Library	Technical Assistance Procurement Grant Writing	Funding Solicitation	Rachel
Cottonwood Community Center Renovation	Technical Assistance Procurement Grant Writing	Funding Solicitation	Rachel
Whiskey Creek/Konkolville Water Co Water Study	Technical Assistance Grant Writing	Facility Study	Rachel
Orofino Water System Upgrade	Technical Assistance LMI Survey	Funding Solicitation	Rachel
Big Canyon Fire Station	Technical Assistance LMI Survey	Development of the Scope of Work	Rachel
Port of Lewiston Dock Expansion	Technical Assistance Procurement Grant Writing	Funding Solicitation	Christine
Grangeville American Legion Assisted Living Center	Technical Assistance	Development of the Scope of Work.	Tim/Rachel
Confluence Waterfront Coalition	Technical Assistance	Procurement Funding Solicitation	Christine
Deary Fire Station	Technical Assistance Procurement	Funding Solicitation	Rachel/Christine

CEDA's Responses to RFP for Grant Writing & Administration

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| 1. Nezperce Library | Pending 12/31 (<i>Selected 2/9</i>) |
| 2. Cottonwood Community Center Renovation | Pending 12/31 (<i>Selected 2/9</i>) |
| 3. Deary Fire Station | CEDA Not Selected |
| 4. Kamiah American Legion Hall | Pending 12/31
(<i>Not Selected 2/9</i>) |

CEDA Support Letters:

- Lindsay Creek Restoration, Nez Perce Soil & Water Conservation
- University of Idaho Business Technology Center Wet Lab, GEM Grant, City of Moscow
- RC&D Program Funding, Clearwater Resource Conservation & Development
- Communications Equipment, Moscow Fire Department
- Brownfields, EPA, Nez Perce Tribe
- Program Funding, Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Association
- Training Facility Feasibility Study, EDA Grant, Nez Perce Tribe
- NIMA Marketing, EDA, Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Association
- NIMA Marketing, GEM Grant, Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Association

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10. Kayler's Bend Turn Lane, GEM Grant, Nez Perce County
 11. Coordinating Resource Offering Protocol (CROP), GEM Grant, Clearwater County
 12. City of Ferdinand Telecommunication, Community Connect Grant, FirstStep
 13. Elk City Telecommunication, Community Connect Grant, Framing Our Community

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- **SCORE Sub-Chapter:** CEDA Board of Directors voted to establish a subchapter of the Spokane SCORE chapter. CEDA is in the process of developing the program. Two (2) consultant volunteers have submitted applications. SCORE will enhance the availability of business development assistance to start-up and expanding businesses.
- **Wind Farm Manufacturing Opportunities:** Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Association and other partners are looking at local manufacturing opportunities to supply wind turbine components to three, large wind mill manufacturers for the wind farm initiatives being planned for in Pomeroy, Grangeville, and other regional communities. The components needed by the manufacturers are currently being exported from outside the United States. CEDA is working to locate and secure funding to assist in coordinating manufacturers and developing a joint marketing campaign.
- **Manufacturing Needs Assessment/Marketing Strategy:** A final report on regional manufacturing needs and workforce development was submitted and approved by EDA. The report is being used by NIMA to guide their activities. CEDA applied for a \$50,000 EDA Grant and Lewis County has applied for a \$25,000 GEM Grant to assist with a manufacturer marketing initiative.
- **NIMA Sustainability:** The CEDA Board of Directors agreed to provide 20 hours of professional and 10 hours of administrative services to NIMA and to provide financing to NIMA in 2009. CEDA staff will work with NIMA on sustainability.
- **North Central Idaho Workforce Initiative:** CEDA and the Idaho Department of Labor co-hosted the 2008 Work Force Summit. At the Summit, over 150 attendees considered the greatest regional, work force needs and developed a list of initiatives that could be undertaken to address workforce issues that cross industries. CEDA assisted IDL in drafting language for a US Department of Labor Innovation Grant that will assist in further planning. The \$250,000 application is pending.

Four (4) CEDA Board Members and Christine Frei attended the State Workforce Summit hosted by the Idaho Department of Labor in November. CEDA is working with local participants that attended the Summit to establish a database of the regional economic and community development network. Board Member John Currin and Christine Frei met with regional school administrators on December 17th to garner their participation.

- **International Trade Workshops:** CEDA organized and coordinated two (2) International Trade Workshops that were focused on introducing area manufacturers to export opportunity and process. Nineteen (19) manufacturers participated. The workshops were done in partnership with Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Association, Avista Corporation, Zions Bank, Sterling Bank, Lewis Clark State College Business Development Center, Southeast Idaho Economic Development

Association, Valley Vision, the Port of Lewiston, Port of Clarkston, Port of Whitman, and others.

- U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities:** CEDA provided input into the University of Idaho’s proposal to the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities. The proposal was not successful. The U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities seeks to assist timber dependent communities “to further the practice of sustainable forestry, where healthy working forests provide multiple forest value streams, that, when captured lead to healthy, forest-reliant communities.” CEDA has agreed to meet with the University to strategize for future funding.

Business Projects in Development:

Project:	CEDA’s Involvement:	Project Status:	Responsible CEDA Staff
Foundry Feasibility Study	Project development	Verbal approval to move forward with feasibility study.	Tim
Boat Manufacturers Collaborative	Project development	Funding Solicitation	Tim
Airport Marketing Plan	Project development	Pending until CEDA gets the go ahead from the Airport.	Tim
Silos Square, Moscow	Project Development	Brownfields Assessment	Christine, John
NIMA Marketing Plan	Grantwriting	Funding Solicitation	Rachel/Tim
Wind Farm Marketing	Project development	Funding Solicitation	Tim

Business Projects in Implementation:

Project:	CEDA’s Involvement:	Project Status:	Responsible CEDA Staff
Mountain Motor Sports, Orofino	Project oversight	Market Analysis Complete	Tim
Seekins, Lewiston	Project oversight	Marketing Plan Complete	Tim
Moscow Flyshop, Moscow	Project oversight	Market Plan Complete	Tim
International Trade Initiative for Five Area Manufacturers	Project oversight	Contracting	Tim

Small Business Finance Activity:

	New Loans 1 Year Ended Dec 31, 2008	New Loans 3 Years Ended Dec 31, 2008
Projects Financed	12	28
Amount of CEDA Financing	\$926,928	\$1,622,015
Amount of Private Financing leveraged	\$957,200	\$1,907,600
Jobs Created and Retained	65	100

Project Distribution

Asotin County	1	2
Clearwater County	3	7
Idaho County	1	5
Latah County	5	8
Lewis County	0	2
Nez Perce	2	4
	12	28

2008 Business Finance Highlights

- The dollar amount of the new loans issued during 2008 was over double the historical average for a 12-month period.
- Loans receivable grew from \$1.8 million to over \$2.1 million.
- A program was established to assist with the start-up and expansion of value-added production businesses via low interest financing of production equipment.
- September 2009 will mark the 20th anniversary of the award that established the original \$460,000 pool of capital for small business lending. To date, these dollars have been loaned over five (5) times resulting in 91 loans totaling over \$2.3 million and contributing to the creation and/or retention of over 330 jobs and the leveraging of over \$5 million in private investment.
- The capital base of CEDA's Small Business Financing Program has been expanded numerous times and from numerous sources during its twenty year history and now sits at just over \$2.5 million. Aggregately, CEDA has issued 187 small business loans totaling \$6.7 million, contributing to the creation and/or retention of 607 jobs, and leveraging \$10.5 million in private investment.
- The CEDA Board of Directors approved a USDA Rural Development \$300,000 loan capital application. The application has been submitted and CEDA is working with bank partners to address local match requirements. These funds will increase the CEDA loan pools to support the needs of small business with the region.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Participation on Organizational Sustainability Initiatives: This year CEDA was actively involved in a number of meetings to address funding and governance opportunities and challenges of organizations within the region. Participation was in:

- Clearwater Resource Conservation & Development
- Northwest Passage Scenic Byway
- North Central Idaho Travel Association
- Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Association
- Kamiah Community Review
- Monastery of St. Gertrude’s Revenue Generation

CEDA Staff Regular Meeting Attendance:

- Ida-Lew Economic Development Council, John
- Clearwater County Economic Development, John
- Clearwater RC&D, Christine
- Latah Economic Development Council, Christine
- Northwest Scenic Byway Advisory Committee, Jenni
- North Central Idaho Travel Association, Jenni
- Region II TeleMental Health Work Group, Christine
- Idaho Economic Development Association – Tim
- Economic Development Districts of Idaho – Christine
- Inland Northwest Partners - Tim

CEDA Staff – Conferences, Workshops & Training

- Taking the Long View” Summit, University of Idaho, Post Falls (Christine)
- State of Idaho Workforce Summit, Idaho Department of Labor, Boise (Christine)
- ICDBG Certification Workshop (Rachel, Jenni, Tim)
- Northwest Community Development Institute, Boise (Rachel, Jenni)
- Idaho Legislative Tour, North Central Idaho, Moscow (Christine)
- 2008 EDA Denver Seattle Regional Conference, Denver (John, Tim)
- Idaho Transportation Grant Workshop, Lewiston (Rachel)

STAFFING

CEDA Staff:	Position:	Years of Service:
Christine Frei	Executive Director	7.5
Tim Rubio	Economic Development Specialist	7.5
Jenni Schacher	Project Administrator	9.0
John Lane	Business Finance Specialist	12.5
Rachel Stocking	Project Development Specialist	4.5
Jennifer Norberg	Office Administrator	1.0
Angie Elliott	Business Loan Administrative Assistant	1.0

Staff Certifications:

- Idaho Community Development Block Grant – Jenni Schacher, Rachel Stocking, Tim Rubio, Christine Frei
- Professional Community & Economic Development (PCED) – Christine Frei
- Notary Public – Tim Rubio, John Lane

Accounting Services: Steve Lohman, CPA, Lohman Accounting
Andrea Brayden

Auditor: Mike DeCoria, DeCoria Maichel & Teague

NEW MEMBERS

Zions Bank
Valley Transit

US Bank
Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Assn.

CEDA MEMBER/Representative

Clearwater County	Stan Leach
Idaho County	Randy Doman (James Rockwell)
Latah County	Jack Nelson
Lewis County	Carroll Keith
Nez Perce County	JR Van Tassel (Mike Grow)
Bovill, City of	Becky Kellom
Cottonwood, City of	Dennis Duman
Craigmont, City of	Raina Frei
Culdesac, City of	Kevin Jacobsen
Deary, City of	Russell Foster
Elk River, City of	Becky Patterson
Grangeville, City of	Jeff Kutner
Kamiah, City of	Bob Olive
Kendrick, City of	Dale Lisher
Lapwai, City of	Corky Fazio
Lewiston, City of	John Currin
Moscow, City of	Dan Carscallen (John Weber)
Nezperce, City of	Steve Bateman
Orofino, City of	Rick Laam
Peck, City of	Nancy Greene
Pierce, City of	Greg Gerot
Riggins, City of	Suzann Underwood (June Whitten)
Weippe, City of	Elwin Hutchins
Winchester, City of	LeAnn Trautman
Nez Perce Tribe	McCoy Oatman
Kendrick Juliaetta Recreation	Chantell Hoisington
Port of Lewiston	Jaynie Bentz
Lewis Clark State College	Rob Lohrmeyer
University of Idaho	Gene Merrell

Clearwater Resource Conservation & Dev	Mike Bowman
Latah Economic Development Council	Margaret Howlett
North Central Idaho Travel Assn.	Farren Penney (Heather Killgore)
Avista Corporation	Mike Thomason
Idaho Department of Labor	Kellye Sharp
US Bank	Crystal Hastings
Zions Bank	Lee Gibbs
Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Assn	Lenny Hill
Valley Transit	Tom LaPointe

LEADERSHIP

Rick Laam	CEDA Chair City Administrator, City of Orofino
Steve Bateman	CEDA Vice-Chair Mayor, City of Nezperce
John Currin,	CEDA Past Chair Council Member, City of Lewiston

Clearwater Economic Development Association Organizational Chart

As of 2/18/09

