

ATTACHMENT A
Principle Guidelines
Economic Development Sales Tax Fund (EDSTF)

**Some provisions within these principle guidelines are requirements under RCW
82.14.370 - Sales and use tax for public facilities in rural counties.**

1. Public infrastructure projects must be listed in the Walla Walla County Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 11 Economic Development Element – Appendix H). Public infrastructure project listed in the approved County Comprehensive Plan does not guarantee the public infrastructure project will receive funding.
2. At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Port will notify the jurisdictions of the available funding in the EDSTF and will transmit the application form and these principle guidelines.
3. The Port Commission will maintain discipline in using the EDSTF for strategic economic development opportunities. Public infrastructure projects that create, retain and/or expand family wage jobs (defined as \$25,000 per year plus a benefit package), encourage private sector capital investment, and new taxes are the primary goal of the EDSTF.
4. Cap any one jurisdiction from receiving more than a \$200,000 grant and a \$200,000 loan in any one fiscal year. Exceptions will be made for extraordinary job creating opportunities, private sector capital investments, and new taxes. Exceptions will also be made if a jurisdiction has projects that would allow the funding to be distributed countywide. For example, a jurisdiction may have a qualifying project in Burbank and during that same fiscal year they may have a qualifying project in Waitsburg. In order to help disburse the EDSTF countywide, both qualifying applications would be considered.
5. Applications require a 50% local public match to amount of the EDSTF request. 10% local public match will be required for the City of Prescott and City of Waitsburg due to their size and access to local public matching dollars. Local public match is defined as publicly-appropriated local funds. Funds appropriated from state, federal, other funding sources, and in-kind match do not qualify as local public match. Private sector funds directly allocated to the public infrastructure project will be considered as a local public match.

Example: If the EDSTF request is \$200,000, the applicant is required to secure \$100,000 in local public match. In the case for City of Prescott and City of Waitsburg, if the EDSTF request is \$200,000, the applicant is required to secure \$20,000 in local public match.

6. Each public infrastructure project approved for EDSTF will need to enter into a performance contract and/or inter-local agreement guaranteeing performance.
7. Public infrastructure projects that can substantiate the creation of new direct family wage jobs (defined as \$25,000 per year plus a benefit package), private sector capital investment, and new taxes will have the best chance in securing an EDSTF grant and/or loan.

8. Public infrastructure projects that cannot identify the creation of new direct family wage jobs (defined as \$25,000 per year plus a benefit package), private sector capital investment, and new taxes are encouraged to apply for an EDSTF loan. If the applicant is requesting an EDSTF grant, and an EDSTF grant is awarded, the applicant will be restricted in applying for an EDSTF grant for 5 years from the date of award. However, during this 5 year restricted period, the applicant has a public infrastructure project that can demonstrate the creation of new direct family wage jobs (defined as \$25,000 per year plus a benefit package), private sector capital investment, and new taxes, their application would be considered for funding.
9. Public infrastructure related projects that can substantiate the retention of existing family wage jobs (defined as \$25,000 per year plus a benefit package) are encouraged to apply for EDSTF grant and/or loan. To substantiate job retention, the applicant must fully demonstrate that a specific business would have a reduction in its labor force without the public infrastructure improvement.
10. Projects approved for funding must start drawing down the appropriated funds for the proposed public infrastructure project within 1 year from the date the application is approved. All appropriated funds must be fully expended within 2 years from the date the application is approved. If applicant cannot meet said deadlines, the application must be resubmit their application for consideration. All existing approved public infrastructure projects will have priority funding over the new resubmitted application.

Approved by the Port Commission on the 25th day of September, 2014

Concurrence by the Walla Walla County Commissioners on the 20th day of October, 2014