



Local Government Receive \$3 Million to Expedite Building Permits

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As a result of passage of legislation in Olympia the **Washington State Department of Commerce (DOC)** has **awarded \$3 million** to **16 cities** to **streamline** and **boost the building permit process** for **more housing**.

The funds will create a digital permitting process and consolidate permit reviews for new housing production. This system **will reduce delays** and help cities and property owners **expedite** and **new existing rehab construction**.

Local Governments commit to issuing final decisions on residential permit applications within 45 business days or 90 calendar days. Seven communities received permit review grants.

- City of Airway Heights: \$187,500
- City of College Place: \$170,500
- City of Mukilteo: \$100,000
- City of Wapato: \$89,219
- Town of Yarrow Point: \$187,500
- Pierce County: \$187,500
- Skagit County: \$187,500

Also, **paper to Digital Grants** supports cities and counties in transitioning from paper filing to digital systems for processing permit applications. These are communities that received **Paper Digital Grants**:

- City of Anacortes: \$197,335
- City of Arlington: \$183,000
- City of Buckley: \$80,000
- City of Carnation: \$100,000
- City of La Center: \$194,500
- City of Lakewood: \$240,000
- City of Lynden: \$140,000
- City of Port Townsend: \$60,000
- City of Snoqualmie: \$117,811
- City of Spokane: \$375,000
- City of University Place: \$30,000
- Jefferson County: \$94,000
- Lewis County: \$78,635

We believe this infusion of \$3 million will help boost the supply of housing in these communities. We hope the legislature will contribute to additional funding in the 2025 session.

The purpose of the permitting project applies to residential, plus “rehabs,” commercial and manufactured Housing Communities.

For more information on this project and the other work being completed at Commerce, please contact Ben Serr at Benjamin.Serr@commerce.wa.gov and you can also visit the [Local Project Review webpage](#).



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