

## 2024 Regional Priority Rank (Washington)

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Reasoning</i>
1	Port of Skamania	<p><b><u>Cascades Business Park</u></b>                      Cascades Business Park is one of the few large remaining industrial sites in the Columbia River Gorge NSA that's within a one-hour drive of Portland. A market and feasibility study done in 2021 concluded that the business park could employ 379 people with an average salary of \$56,000. Commercial/light industrial buildings are needed to provide local employment. Roadway through industrial park will be completed and dedicated to the City of North Bonneville in 2024. The 2023-25 WA State Capital Budget includes \$1 million for infrastructure extensions to building construction sites. Funds are needed to construct commercial/industrial buildings.</p>	<p>Opens development in an otherwise severely land-constrained county. Addresses opportunities for key industry sectors.</p>
2	Klickitat County	<p><b><u>Goldendale Pumped Storage Hydro</u></b>                      Project is a proposed \$2 billion+ pumped-hydro energy storage project. Using existing pumping infrastructure from an old aluminum smelting facility, the closed-loop system would include three variable-speed reversible pump-turbines for a total generating capacity of 1200 MW and a total pumping capacity of 1552 MW. The project would provide a range of services to the grid to support reliability and resilience in addition to specifically balancing variable wind generation. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) released the Final Environmental Impact Statement in February 2024. The project is in final design and engineering with construction estimated to start in 2027.</p>	<p>Key industry sector impact and potential to open huge economic development opportunities regionally. Adds resiliency to the region.</p>
3	City of Stevenson	<p><b><u>Cascade Ave Improvement</u></b>                      The condition of the existing water and sewer mains on Cascade Avenue pose health and sanitation concerns. The sewer line along Cascade avenue is undersized for existing users. The waterline is AC pipe installed over 50 years ago. The project will replace the waterline with ductile iron and increase the sewer line to handle existing and future flows. Design is anticipated for 2024 with construction in 2025. It is currently being funded by a Public Works Board grant/loan package. The addition of decorative street lights to increase safety along the city's waterfront and match the look and feel of the rest of the city's Downtown area is dependent upon additional funding being secured.</p>	<p>Water/wastewater is a key infrastructure need outlined in the CEDS. Addresses key business needs. Adds resiliency to the region.</p>
4	Port of Klickitat-Industrial Park Development	<p><b><u>Dallesport Industrial Park -Rail Project</u></b>                      The Port of Klickitat is seeking funds to restore and presence the existing rail spur to bring it to operable condition. \$1.3 million needed (estimate).  <b><u>Bingen Point Business Park</u></b>                      Task 1: BPBP Improvement: Fill BPBP Lots 1-9 to provide 5 additional acres of shovel ready condition property for development. \$6.2 million needed (estimate).                      Task 2: Flex Building: Construction of a 15,000 sq. ft. flex building. \$4.4 million needed (estimate).                      Task 3: Marina Park Boat and Car Parking: Pave boat and car parking area at Marina Park and Boat Launch in Bingen. \$660k needed (estimate).</p>	<p>Addresses opportunities for key industry sectors and encourages development in an economically distressed area.</p>

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5	Skamania PUD	<p><b><u>Skamania County Water System Upgrades</u></b>  <b><u>Carson Water Treatment:</u></b> This project includes final design and construction of a new 1 million gallon per day (MGD) drinking water treatment plant to serve the community of Carson. Project components include a pressurized membrane filter treatment system, clear well, finished water pumps, chemical storage tanks, on-site electric (chlorine) generation system and emergency generator in a 5,000 sq ft building. The pre-design report was finalized in 2022. Skamania PUD is looking for funding to cover the \$5.95M project</p> <p><b><u>Underwood Reservoir:</u></b> This project includes final design and construction of a new 250,000-gallon welded steel water tank in Pressure Zone 3 in the unincorporated community of Underwood. The project will ensure clean, safe drinking water and allow for continued community growth. The pre-design report was finalized in 2022. Skamania PUD is looking for funding to cover the \$1.75M project.</p>	Water/wastewater is a key infrastructure need outlined in the CEDS. Opens opportunities for development. Adds resiliency to the region.
6	Columbia Gorge Regional Airport	<p><b><u>Aviation Maintenance Training Facility</u></b>  Project would include construction of a multi-use flex space and utilities expansion in airport business park. Airport has tenant identified to use the flex-space for Columbia Gorge Community College's aviation mechanic training program.</p>	Address key business, industry sector needs. Increase industrial land availability. Encourages development in an economically distressed area.
7	Skamania County	<p><b><u>Wind River Road Stabilization</u></b>  The County will be resurfacing the road and improving the roadside, ADA, and traffic safety elements. The County is currently seeking an engineer for the preliminary engineering phase.</p>	Key infrastructure need. Resilience issue. Impact to key industry sectors.
8	Klickitat Valley Health Hospital District	<p><b><u>KVH Building Addition</u></b>  KVH is seeking funding for an addition of 12,000 square feet for a new acute care unit, surgery department and long-term care unit, and 12,000 square feet of shell space for future growth.</p>	Addresses key business, industry sector and resilience needs; opportunity for job creation.
9	City of White Salmon	<p><b><u>Youth/ Early Childcare Center</u></b>  Repurpose an existing facility to become a new home for the WAGAP youth center and expand the services to include early childcare. Cost estimate factors anticipated building improvements that could be needed. Planning already funded via grant and city funds. \$1 million needed.</p>	Child Care as key workforce need.
10	City of North Bonneville	<p><b><u>City of North Bonneville Lift Station Replacement</u></b>  The City's lift station #3 continues to need constant maintenance and patching to function without the funds for complete replacement. Lift station #4 is also in need of upgrades, but priority is on #3. Continues to be high priority. The City is working on water and sewer rate studies.</p>	Water/wastewater is a key infrastructure need outlined in the CEDS. Adds resiliency to the region.

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1	Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Authority; Port of Casacde Locks	<p><b><u>Interstate Bridges</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Port of Hood River Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge Replacement:</u></b> The existing bridge is nearly 90 years old, structurally obsolete and seismically deficient. A new bridge is needed to improve and ensure multi-modal transportation of people and goods across the Columbia River between the communities of Bingen and White Salmon in Washington, and Hood River in Oregon. Total project cost estimate: \$520M. Approximately \$420 million in State and Federal grants will be needed.</p> <p><b><u>Port of Cascade Locks Bridge of the Gods Strengthening and Safety Improvements:</u></b> This project includes the maintenance and seismic strengthening of the Bridge of the Gods, with an allocated budget of \$12 million. Additionally, it encompasses resiliency and safety measures, such as the creation of a safe pathway for pedestrians and cyclists, with an estimated budget of \$80 million.</p>	Core transportation connection. Resilience issue. Impact to key industry sectors.
2	Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco Counties, City of Hood River	<p><b><u>Housing</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Hood River:</u></b> Development of the 780 Rand Road Housing Development project for affordable housing as well as additional land acquisition for affordable and attainable housing development in the City of Hood River and Hood River County. Total project cost estimate: \$54M with \$35.9M still needed.</p> <p><b><u>Sherman:</u></b> The housing stock in Sherman County is lacking the quantity and quality necessary for new employees to find a place to live in the County. Sherman County has created four incentive programs to encourage the construction of new housing or the rehabilitation of existing housing. The County continues to look for creative ideas that would solve the housing issues. The County is also working to explore additional opportunities for a senior living facility in Moro or Wasco to support aging in place in the County.</p> <p><b><u>Wasco:</u></b> Housing prices have continued to be unaffordable for many in Wasco County and supply is not meeting current needs. This has hindered employees seeking to come to Wasco County have hindered businesses' ability to grow. Better understanding this need and supporting community partners in opportunities to address it will impact access to a robust workforce moving forward.</p>	Addressing housing constraints is a priority strategy for the CEDS
3	Wasco County, Mid-Columbia Center for Living	<p><b><u>Resolution Center</u></b></p> <p>Resolution Center: Wasco County and Mid-Columbia Center for Living are defining a new approach to behavioral health services at a comprehensive behavioral health campus in Wasco County. The campus will include a 16-bed Residential Treatment Facility (RTF), a 16-bed Secure Residential Treatment Facility (SRTF), a 16-bed Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Facility (SUD), a 6-8 chair Crisis Stabilization Center, an expansion of the existing Consumer Drop-In Center, and an expansion of the existing Psychosocial Rehabilitative Office. This partnership project will enhance a regional service array for care, save a significant amount of taxpayer money and create new jobs for local professionals with an emphasis on culturally competent care. This project has \$17,500,000 committed and is seeking an additional \$36,000,000 to support a full build out of the three phases.</p>	Workforce supports, job creation.
4	Columbia Gorge ESD	<p><b><u>Columbia Gorge Early Learning Center</u></b></p> <p>Columbia Gorge Education Service District (ESD), Columbia Gorge Community College, North Wasco County School District, and other public partners propose to renovate former Chenoweth Middle School into a regional early learning center to address a severe shortage of affordable, high-quality childcare. The early learning center will serve as a practicum site for CGCC's Early Childhood Education Training program, provide 200 new childcare slots for children ranging from 0-5 and after school care to support workforce participation. Partners have secured \$2.2 million toward an estimated \$20 million total project cost. The project has a pending \$500,000 request to EPA for asbestos removal and plans to submit \$14 million in state, federal and philanthropic requests in the coming year.</p>	Childcare needs (costs, lack of access) is a priority strategy in the CEDS. Addresses support for workforce participation.

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5	City of Hood River	<p><b><u>Hood River Elevated Sewer Line</u></b>  The existing elevated sewer main on the south side of the interstate is very old, exposed and there is no means to divert or stop the flow if there is a break on the main, with potentially catastrophic environmental costs. This project will install a lift station and re-route the sewer line. Total project cost estimate: \$6.7M with \$6.4M still needed.</p>	Water/wastewater is a key infrastructure need outlined in the CEDS. Addresses key business needs. Adds resiliency to the region.
6	City of Grass Valley	<p><b><u>Wastewater Project</u></b>  The City of Grass Valley is researching construction of a municipal wastewater system. The council hired an engineer to do a feasibility study in 2021 and that study is complete and has been presented to the community for feedback. The City submitted a successful FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for a portion of project costs and a CWSRF program application in December of 2023. The City is moving forward with a request for additional planning funding and conducting additional community outreach while planning to submit to the state for CDBG funding in the fall of 2024 as the final funding resource for the project. Estimated project cost is just over \$6 million.</p>	Water/wastewater is a key infrastructure need outlined in the CEDS. Opens opportunities for development. Adds resiliency to the region.
7	Port of Hood River	<p><b><u>Lot 1</u></b>  Lot 1 is the largest remaining light industrial property in Hood River. A significant infrastructure investment- specifically, water, sewer, and public streets - is necessary to prepare the site for industrial development to meet long term job creation and economic development goals of the community. Focus will be construction of roundabout at North Second Street and Riverside Drive. Total project cost estimate: \$5.2 million.</p>	Addresses opportunities for key industry sectors.
8	City of Maupin	<p><b><u>Water System Improvements:</u></b>  The City's water source is a spring that feeds into the system with a single, above ground 6" pipe that is 40 years old. The cost estimate for needed improvements in the City's 2022 Waster System Master Plan in 2022 was approximately \$10 million. Additionally, the City has identified a leak in their reservoir that has been temporarily addressed but needs a long term repair. The City will focus on priority improvements related to the reservoir, water distribution, safety of the drinking water, and fire protection. Estimated cost for these priorities is \$4.2 million and the City will be further refining the scope for this first phase of improvements needed and seeking funding from Safe Drinking Water RLF and USDA Rural Development.</p>	Water/wastewater is a key infrastructure need outlined in the CEDS. Adds resiliency to the region.
9	Port of Cascade Locks	<p><b><u>Marine Park Cruise Line Dock Shore Power Infrastructure</u></b>  The initiative involves identifying and securing funding for the construction of shore power infrastructure to support the American Cruise Line Dock, scheduled to commence construction in the spring of 2025. This infrastructure is expected to foster job creation, generate revenue for the city, reduce diesel and CO2 emissions by up to 80% and 66% respectively, and contribute to a cleaner maritime ecosystem. Moreover, it will help diminish noise pollution, thereby enhancing the quality of life for the local community.</p>	Addresses opportunities for key industry sectors.
10	City of Moro	<p><b><u>New Primary Municipal Well</u></b>  City of Moro is completing a feasibility study for a new primary municipal well. A backup water source would help to ensure clean/adequate water supplies for sanitation, and fire suppression efforts during a natural hazard/grid down scenario. A new well will facilitate future commercial and residential growth. Progress towards project includes obtaining a new Water System Master Plan to replace the 1999 survey.</p>	Water/wastewater is a key infrastructure need outlined in the CEDS. Adds resiliency to the region.