



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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In reply refer to:
EDA Control No. 116772

Nicholas Green
City Manager
City of John Day
450 E. Main Street
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Dear Mr. Green:

The U.S. Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Seattle Regional Office Investment Review Committee (IRC) has considered your application for investment assistance for Broadband Infrastructure, Emergency Communications Upgrade & Coworking Space. EDA receives many more proposals than it can fund. Although the IRC found your application aligned with EDA investment priorities, the agency regrets to inform you that your application has not been selected at this time.

Although EDA cannot fund your project at this time, you may elect to have your application carried forward and re-considered for the next competitive IRC meeting. **The option to carry your application forward does not guarantee that the application will be funded.** The Seattle Regional Office, however, is willing to re-consider your application for funding with other applications that are received.

If you would like EDA to carry your application forward and re-consider your application for the next competitive IRC meeting, please respond to the following items in writing no later than March 22, 2021:

- Consult with FirstNet (<https://firstnet.gov/>) and coordinate all project components;
- Provide additional information on how all 9-1-1 emergency usages are compliant with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) communications requirements;
- Oregon Telephone Corporation must bid openly for operation of the lines and installation;
- Provide evidence that the City has exhausted their bonding/taxing authority to support the 90% grant rate request;
- Provide additional evidence of anticipated job creation and private sector investment that will result from the EDA investment; and
- Provide a stronger COVID nexus narrative.

In addition, with respect to the co-working component, please note that the applicant will be required to have title to property to be improved with EDA funds or a long-term lease for at least the estimated useful life, which is generally 15 years for renovation projects.

If you do not respond in writing, EDA will consider the application withdrawn. You also have the option of withdrawing your application and submitting a revised or new application. Please do not hesitate to contact Belinda Barr, Economic Development Specialist, at (206) 833-2411 or bbarr@eda.gov if you have any questions.

Thank you for your interest in EDA. For more information about our programs and other upcoming funding opportunities, please visit our website at www.eda.gov.

Sincerely,

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