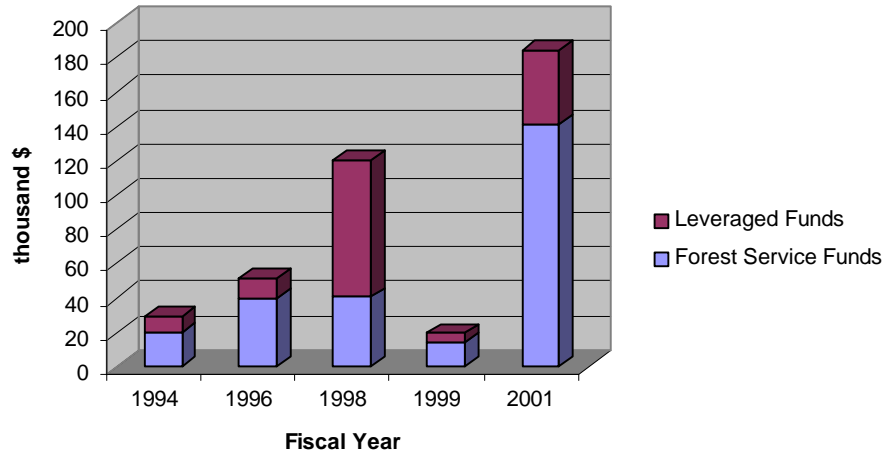
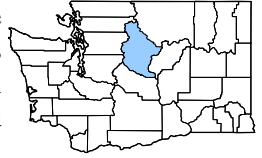




Economic Action Programs Chelan County, Washington

Chelan County is a nonmetropolitan county in north-central Washington. The Wenatchee National Forest covers much of the county and Lake Chelan is situated near the county's northeastern border. The agricultural sector is critical to Chelan County's economy along with forestry and fishing. Health services and tourism are also important. The Forest Service and BLM administer 72% of the landbase.



Recipient	Project Name	Federal ID	Funds		
			USFS	Leveraged	Total
Planning and Technical Assistance					
City of Entiat	Update Community Action Plan	WAEC-99-002	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$7,500
City of Entiat	Business District Visioning	WARD-98-002	\$8,100	\$2,500	\$10,600
Entiat School Dist #127	Community Greenhouse Design	WAEC-99-003	\$9,500	\$2,700	\$12,200
Lake Chelan Chamber of Comm	Interpretive Center Planning	WANW-96-029	\$25,000	\$6,750	\$31,750
Chelan County	Community Fire Plan	WNFP-01-005	50,000	13,500	63,500
City of Chelan	Economic Development Plan	WANW-01-009	19,600	9,000	28,600
Natural Resource Related					
City of Leavenworth	Media/Conference Planner Guide	WANW-96-039	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$20,000
Columbia Breaks Fire Interp Ctr	Intrepretive Center Update	WARD-01-003	72,000	20,600	92,600
Facility Construction/Environmental Improvement					
City of Entiat	Fire Interpretive Center	WAEC-94-030	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
Lake Chelan Chamber of Co	Interpretive Center - Phase II	WAEC-98-004	\$32,500	\$77,500	\$110,000





Economic Action Programs

One success story from Chelan County, Washington



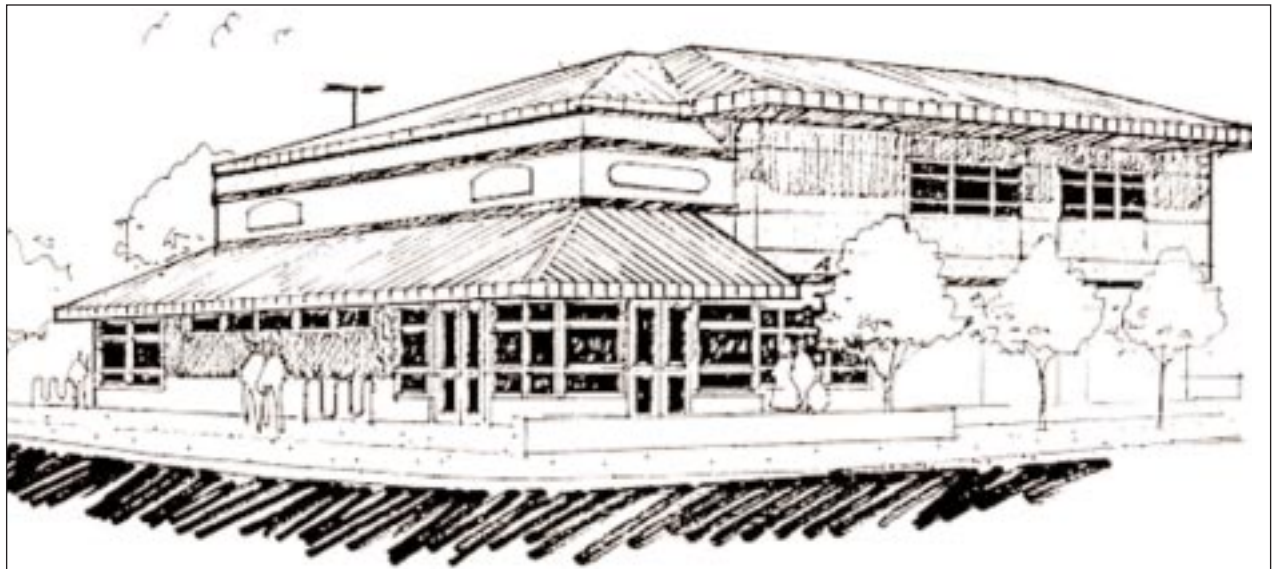
Lake Chelan Visitor Information Center

In 1996 the Chelan Chamber of Commerce received a grant to study the feasibility of expanding the Visitor Information Center to meet the growing economic dependency on the visitor industry.

The concept was to provide one stop shopping for visitors seeking information about the area. It would also feature a “business center, giving the area’s 5,000 full-time and 5,000 part-time residents access to fax machines, video conferencing equipment, and other technology needed for telecommunicating,” according to Loni Rahm, Chamber of Commerce Director.

Potential partners included the Washington Apple Commission, Chelan County Public Utilities District, City of Chelan, the Colville Tribes, North Central Washington Educational Service District, local businesses, the Port of Chelan, Chelan County, Wenatchee Valley College, National Park Service, and Forest Service.

Through the analysis process, the idea is becoming a reality and is now moving into the implementation phases. Through this grant, the community of Chelan will be better able to meet the growing needs of visitors and, in so doing, stimulate the economy and local businesses.



Applicant: Lake Chelan Ch. of Commerce

Grant No: WANW-96-029

USDA Forest Service Funding: \$25,000

Total Project Cost: \$31,750