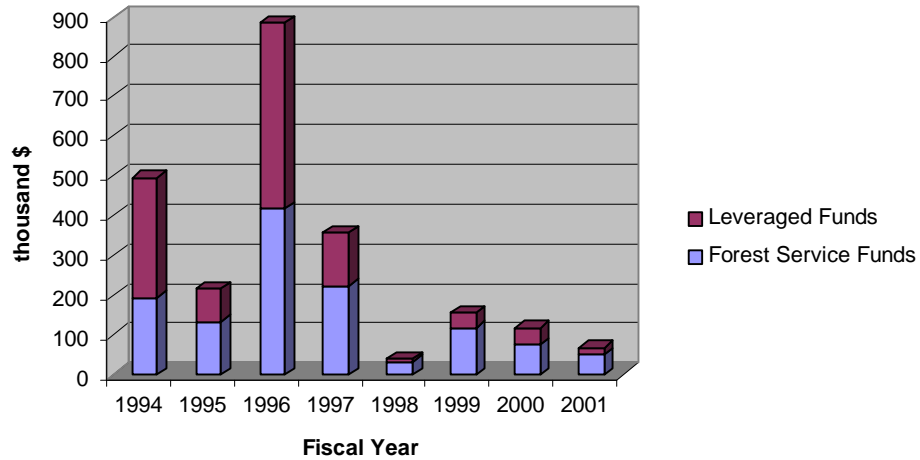




Economic Action Programs

Lewis County, Washington

Lewis County is a nonmetropolitan county in southwestern Washington. The eastern part of the county is covered by the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Mt Rainier National Park. About one-third of Lewis county's residents live in Centralia and Chehalis and almost 60% live in unincorporated areas. The top export income-generating industries include wood products manufacturing, logging, and coal mining. Non-federal timberlands account for 54% of the county's land area.



Recipient	Project Name	Federal ID	Funds		
			USFS	Leveraged	Total
Planning and Technical Assistance					
City of Mossyrock	State St. Engineering Design	Waec-94-017	\$32,500	\$8,125	\$40,625
City of Winlock	Winlock/Toledo Action Plan	WANW-95-011	\$22,600	\$5,650	\$28,250
Lewis County Econ Dev Council	Business Loan Program Start-up	WANW-95-013	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$90,000
Town of Pe Ell	Pe Ell and Adjacent Comm. CAP	WANW-97-017	\$12,000	\$4,200	\$16,200
Port of Chehalis	Rail Line/Industrial Park Study	WANW-98-018	\$32,000	\$8,000	\$40,000
Lewis County Econ Dev Council	Packwood Action Plan	WANW-99-010	\$7,500	\$1,950	\$9,450
Port of Chehalis	Industrial Park Prelim Eng	WANW-99-027	\$36,275	\$12,000	\$48,275
Lewis County	Packwood Wastewater Feasibility	WANW-00-023	\$46,000	\$31,600	\$77,600
Lewis County EDC	TA to Small Growing Companies	WANW-00-022	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$40,000
Morton Chamber of Commerce	Morton Community Action Plan	WANW-01-017	\$20,000	\$5,184	\$25,184
South Cascade Tourism Council	Town Enhancement	WANW-01-037	\$5,000	\$1,500	\$6,500
City of Winlock	Community Action Plan	WANW-01-024	\$20,000	\$5,832	\$25,832
Natural Resource Related					
Lewis County EDC	Natural Resource Economic Plan	WARD-99-002	\$24,000	\$10,640	\$34,640
Lewis County Fire District No. 10	Reader/Sign Board	WNFP-01-004	\$4,421	\$5,400	\$9,821





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Facility Construction/Environmental Improvement

Centralia College Foundation	Centralia College East/Morton	WANW-96-020	\$250,000	\$108,654	\$358,654
City of Winlock	Downtown Revitalization	WANW-96-007	\$47,638	\$51,304	\$98,942
Lewis County	E. Lewis Co. Public Restrooms	WAEC-94-033	\$103,200	\$236,584	\$339,784
Port of Centralia	Small Business Incubator Bldg.	WAEC-94-023	\$57,129	\$57,128	\$114,257
Port of Centralia	Incubator Build. #4, Centralia	WANW-95-012	\$70,000	\$28,764	\$98,764
Port of Centralia	Regional Wastewater Facilities	WANW-97-016	\$96,000	\$24,000	\$120,000
Port of Chehalis	Business Park Development	WANW-96-008	\$120,116	\$306,950	\$427,066
Port of Chehalis	Infrastructure Development	WANW-97-005	\$115,691	\$104,824	\$220,515
Town of Pe Ell	Sewer Sys Infiltration/Inflow	WANW-99-008	\$50,000	\$12,500	\$62,500





Economic Action Programs

One success story from Lewis County, Washington



The Timing Could Not Have Been Better

These are the words April Doolittle, Director of Centralia College East, used when discussing the completion of a Centralia Community College building in the eastern Lewis County town of Morton. Classes started in the building in September 1997, one month before large numbers of mill workers were laid off. Employment in the east Lewis County mills has dropped by approximately 40 percent and it appears unlikely that it will ever rebound.

The Centralia College building in eastern Lewis County was constructed through a combination of funding from the Centralia College Foundation (\$45,219), Centralia College (\$48,435), land donation from Morton School District (\$15,000), and a USFS Rural Community Assistance Grant (\$250,000). The building was dedicated on December 6, 1997.

Enrollment in the eastern county college programs has doubled since the building was completed. Over half of those enrolled at this site are displaced timber workers, taking courses in a

two-year program to acquire marketable skills. Civil engineering, computer network technician, and diesel mechanic programs are most popular with ex-timber workers.

Ms. Doolittle has been surprised by the number of adults who are returning to the college to finish their high school degree. She says the new building is more accessible to adults, making them feel more comfortable about returning to school. Prior to the completion of the new building, Centralia College classes were taught in the Morton High School. Locating a college building in Morton has given the community a new sense of confidence. The talk around town is about “how good it is to have the college here,” according to Ms. Doolittle.

Applicant: Centralia College Foundation

Grant No: WANW-96-020

USDA Forest Service Funding: \$250,000

Total Project Cost: \$358,654