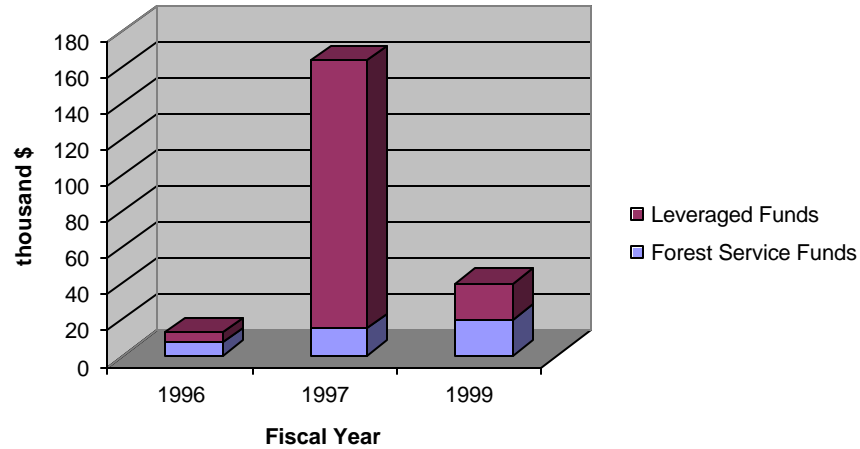
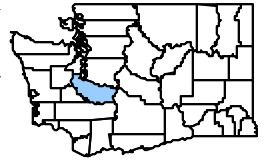




Economic Action Programs Pierce County, Washington

Pierce County is a metropolitan county in central western Washington. Mt. Rainier National Park is in the southeastern corner of the county. Tacoma, the state's third largest city and an important seaport is located on Puget Sound. Most of the county's population is in Tacoma and surrounding suburban communities. It has one of the smallest agriculture divisions proportionally in the state, with the federal government dominating the export base of the county and is the key component of the overall economy.



Recipient	Project Name	Federal ID	Funds		
			USFS	Leveraged	Total
Planning and Technical Assistance					
Eatonville Chamber of Commerce	Action Plan and Vision Stmt	WANW-99-030	\$15,000	\$18,600	\$33,600
Pierce County	Elbe Rest Stop - Phase I	WANW-96-019	\$7,314	\$5,650	\$12,964
Pierce County	Elbe-Ashford Action Plan	WANW-97-002	\$15,000	\$148,480	\$163,480
Pierce County	Greenwater Water Dist Plan	WANW-99-035	\$5,000	\$1,500	\$6,500





Economic Action Programs

One success story from Pierce County, Washington



Planning for Growth in the Upper Nisqually River

Community leaders in the small towns of Ashford, Elbe, and Alder, located along the primary gateway to Mount Rainier in southern Pierce County, saw an opportunity to get a jump on upcoming growth pressures in their communities.

With a willingness to work together to plan their future, the Upper Nisqually Advisory Committee was formed. The group, made up of a diverse group of individuals, was challenged with strong feelings about increasing economic development, minimizing growth, and maintaining a small town atmosphere.

Funding from the Rural Community Assistance (RCA) program, along with commitment from Pierce County planning officials, has helped bring to conclusion a year long process of meetings to determine the future of the communities. Working with a facilitator and the county, the advisory committee struck a balance between increasing tourism and economic growth while retaining the character of the small towns. The committee's recommendation is currently being used by Pierce County planners to help establish zoning ordinances for the area.

Applicant: Pierce County

Grant No: WANW-97-002

USDA Forest Service Funding: \$15,000

Total Project Cost: \$298,165