



Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency (C-PACER) Program

Whatcom County administers a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency ("C-PACER") financing program under Section [36.165](#) of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) (the "C-PACER Act"). The C-PACER Program allows owners of eligible commercial property to obtain long-term financing from private capital providers for certain qualified energy efficiency and resiliency improvements. The C-PACER program agreements create a property assessment and assign collection of the assessment to the capital provider or lender.

The Whatcom County C-PACER program was established in 2021 (Ordinance No. 2021- [041](#)) and is administered through the Planning & Development Services Department.

The following highlights the steps of the C-PACER application process:

1. Property Owner develops an energy generation, energy efficiency, water conservation, or resiliency project idea.
2. Property Owner identifies a registered C-PACER capital provider for their project.
3. Property owner and capital provider coordinate to complete application materials and submit to the Planning & Development Services Department (Program Administrator) with application fee.
4. Planning & Development Services Department reviews the application for completion.
5. Planning & Development Services Department issues a letter of approval, conditional approval, denial or request for additional information to the applicant (within 15 business days of receiving an application).
6. Capital provider drafts agreements and submits to the Planning & Development Services Department for review and signature of approval by County Executive.
7. Planning & Development Services Department issues a letter confirming agreements are ready for recordation and will be released upon payment of C-PACER program fees.
8. Applicant or Capital Provider submits payment for the C-PACER program fees to the Planning & Development Services Department.
9. Planning and Development Services releases the agreements to the applicant or capital provider for recordation with the County Auditor (standard [recordation fees](#) apply)
10. Applicant or lender provides recordation number to Planning and Development Services Department.
11. Capital provider funds the project.
12. After project completion, applicant provides a signed certification of completion form to the capital provider and the Planning & Development Services Department.
13. Loan payments are made by the property owner to the capital provider over the loan term.



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Applicant/Agent:

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Property Owner(s) Information (legal names): Same as Applicant above

Name(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

**If Applicant or Contact information changes please submit an updated Fee/Agent authorization form for each change.*

Property Information:

1. Property location and description:

Address: _____

Tax Parcel Number(s) (APN): _____

Property description: _____

2. Property type:

Commercial Agricultural Industrial Multi-family of 5+ units

Other _____

Building use(s): _____

3. Qualifying Owner

Limited liability company General or limited partnership Corporation

Individual/Sole proprietorship Trust



Proposed Qualified Improvements:

4. Qualifying Improvement Certification

A) FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS: (if new construction, skip to item B)

The improvements sought are (check all that applies):

Energy Efficiency Renewable Energy Water Efficiency Building Resiliency

i. If Energy Efficiency, improvement is:

HVAC system Windows & Doors Temperature Control System Lighting
 Siding/Insulation/Roofing Appliances other _____

ii. If Renewable Energy, improvement is:

Solar Panels Thermal other _____

and is project:

Direct Purchase Power Purchase Agreement N/A

iii. If Water Efficiency, improvement is:

Lead Reduction Low-flow fixtures Irrigation System Control System
 Water Collection & Reuse other _____

iv. If Building Resiliency, improvement is:

Seismic retrofits Flood mitigation Stormwater Management
 Fire suppression Wildfire resistance Wind resistance
 Energy storage Energy microgrids other _____

B) FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION:

The improvements being sought are (check all that applies):

Energy Efficiency Renewable Energy Water Efficiency Building Resiliency

Lead Reduction, water Resiliency

i. If Energy Efficiency, improvement is:

HVAC system Windows & Doors Temperature Control System Lighting
 Siding/Insulation/Roofing Appliances other _____

ii. If Renewable Energy, improvement is:

Solar Panels Thermal other _____

and is project:

Direct Purchase Power Purchase Agreement N/A



iii. If Water Efficiency, improvement is:

- Lead Reduction Low-flow fixtures Irrigation System Control System
 Water Collection & Reuse other _____

iv. If Building Resiliency, improvement is:

- Seismic retrofits Flood mitigation Stormwater Management
 Fire suppression Wildfire resistance Wind resistance
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Capital Provider Information:

5. Capital Provider Information

Legal Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Must answer 'Yes' to at least one of the following and provide required documentation as per Checklist:

- a) Federal or state-chartered bank, or credit union Yes No
b) Registered capital provider in more than 2 states: Yes No
c) Qualified to do business in Washington state: Yes No

6. Lienholder Consent Form (signed and notarized)

- Attached Delivered at close

IF CONSENT WILL BE EXECUTED AT CLOSING, CONDITIONAL APPROVAL IS GIVEN.
IF CONSENTS ARE DELIVERED AT CLOSING, APPLICANT MUST HOLD COUNTY-EXECUTED CLOSING DOCUMENTS IN ESCROW UNTIL CONSENTS ARE OBTAINED. AT DISCRETION OF THIS OFFICE, THIS APPLICATION MAY BE AMENDED AND RETURNED WITH COPIES OF CONSENTS ATTACHED.

WHATCOM COUNTY
Planning & Development Services
5280 Northwest Drive.
Bellingham, WA 98226-9097
360-778-5900, TTY 800-833-6384
360-778-5901 Fax



Mark Personius AICP
Director

Signature on Application:

BY SIGNATURE BELOW, THE APPLICANTS (THE PROPERTY OWNER AND CAPITAL PROVIDER) AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY AND THAT THE APPLICANTS HAVE READ THE DISCLOSURES AND DISCLAIMERS ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION AND UNDERSTAND THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE C-PACER PROGRAM; FURTHER, THAT THE APPLICANTS AFFIRM THAT NEITHER THE COUNTY, ITS GOVERNING BODY, EXECUTIVES, NOR EMPLOYEES ARE PERSONALLY LIABLE AS A RESULT OF EXERCISING ANY RIGHTS OR RESPONSIBILITIES GRANTED UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

APPLICATION FORM SIGNED AND DATED ON: _____

ON BEHALF OF PROPERTY OWNER: _____

NAME & TITLE: _____

ON BEHALF OF CAPITAL PROVIDER: _____

NAME & TITLE: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY AUTHORIZED COUNTY OFFICIAL

APPLICATION: APPROVED CONDITIONALLY APPROVED DENIED

ON BEHALF OF COUNTY: _____

NAME AND TITLE: _____

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (IF APPLICABLE): _____

