

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Complainant,

v.

CASCADE NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION,

Respondent.

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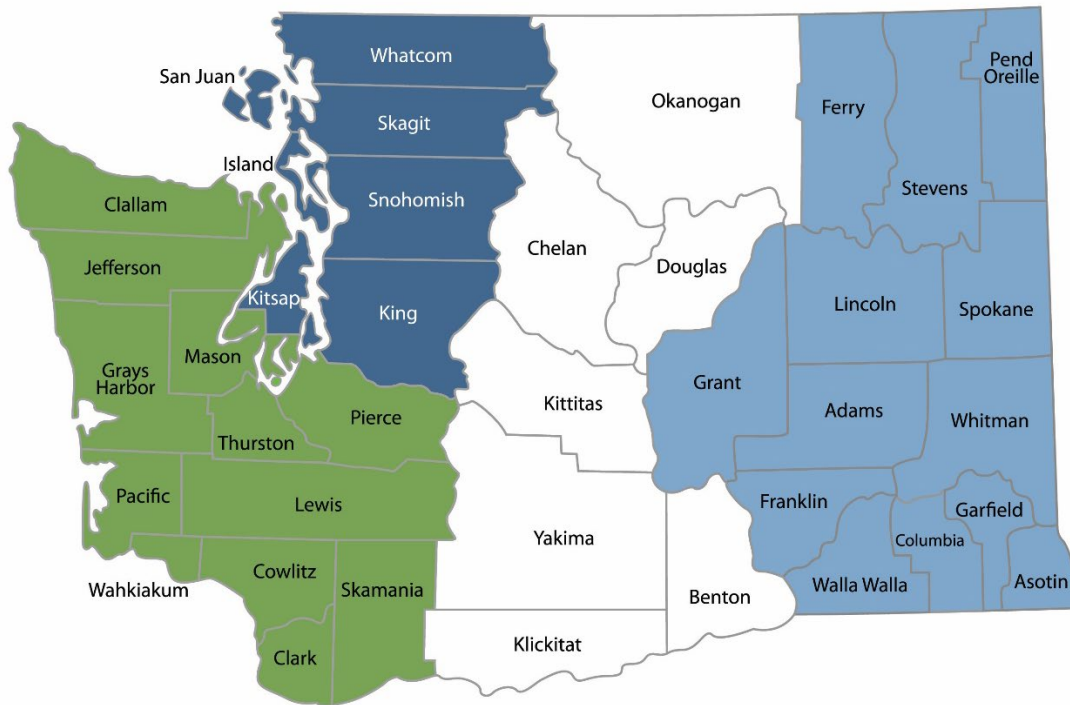
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Map of Counties Served



Southwest Region 360-407-6300	Northwest Region 206-594-0000	Central Region 509-575-2490	Eastern Region 509-329-3400
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Region	Counties served	Mailing Address	Phone
Southwest	Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Mason, Lewis, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston, Wahkiakum	PO Box 47775 Olympia, WA 98504	360-407-6300
Northwest	Island, King, Kitsap, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom	PO Box 330316 Shoreline, WA 98133	206-594-0000
Central	Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Yakima	1250 W Alder St Union Gap, WA 98903	509-575-2490
Eastern	Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman	4601 N Monroe Spokane, WA 99205	509-329-3400
Headquarters	Across Washington	PO Box 46700 Olympia, WA 98504	360-407-6000

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Overview

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) provides grants to local governments to investigate and clean up contaminated sites. Many of the grants require that local governments provide a 50% match to these funds. However, if an applicant is “economically disadvantaged,” Oversight Grants and Independent Remedial Action Grants may be funded up to 75% of the eligible project costs.

A city, town, or county is economically disadvantaged if its per capita income is equal to or below the median per capita income for that location as determined on July 1st of each odd numbered year, based on the latest official American Community Survey five-year estimates of the U.S. Department of Commerce (WAC [173-322A-100](#)(15) and (16)).²

The tables in this document identify which counties, cities, and towns are economically disadvantaged and eligible for a reduced match for grants they receive between July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

² <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-322A-100>

Economically Disadvantaged Counties

As of July 1, 2021, the median annual per capita income for counties in Washington state was \$29,695.

Counties listed in Table 1 **are at or below** the median income. These counties are **considered economically disadvantaged for the purposes of Remedial Action grant funding** and qualify for reduced local match.

Table 1. Economically disadvantaged counties for purposes of Remedial Action Grant funding as of July 1, 2021.

County	Annual per capita income (in dollars)	Ranking out of 39 counties, where least economically disadvantaged is 1 and most economically disadvantaged is 39.
Asotin	29,695	20
Adams	20,248	39
Cowlitz	28,876	25
Ferry	25,857	33
Franklin	24,380	35
Garfield	26,742	31
Grant	24,280	36
Grays Harbor	27,210	28
Kittitas	29,161	22
Klickitat	29,521	21
Lewis	27,127	29
Lincoln	28,891	29
Mason	28,862	26
Okanogan	24,876	34
Pacific	26,109	32
Pend Oreille	28,046	27
Stevens	26,896	30
Walla Walla	29,035	23
Whitman	23,560	37
Yakima	23,459	38

Counties listed in Table 2 **are above Washington state's** annual per capita median income of \$29,695. These counties **are not considered** economically disadvantaged for purposes of Remedial Action Grant funding and do not qualify for reduced local match.

Table 2. Washington state counties **not considered** economically disadvantaged for purposes of Remedial Action Grant funding as of July 1, 2021.

County	Annual per capita income (in dollars)	Ranking out of 39 counties, where least economically disadvantaged is 1 and most economically disadvantaged is 39.
Benton	32,882	12
Chelan	30,870	17
Clallam	30,283	19
Clark	35,860	8
Columbia	36,551	7
Douglas	30,554	18
Island	37,087	5
Jefferson	36,598	6
King	52,462	1
Kitsap	37,493	4
Pierce	34,618	10
San Juan	45,777	2
Skagit	33,168	11
Skamania	32,221	14
Snohomish	39,527	3
Spokane	31,146	15
Thurston	35,169	9
Wahkiakum	31,110	16
Whatcom	32,267	13

Economically Disadvantaged Cities and Towns

As of July 1, 2021, the median income for Washington cities and towns was \$28,630. Cities and towns in Table 3 **are at or below** the median income. They **are considered** economically disadvantaged for purposes of Remedial Action Grant funding and qualify for a reduced local match.

Table 3. Washington state cities and towns at or below Washington’s median income of \$28,630. These are considered economically disadvantaged for the purposes of Remedial Action Grant funding as of July 1, 2021.

City or Town	County	Annual per capita income (in dollars)	Ranking out of 281 cities and towns, where least economically disadvantaged is 1 and most economically disadvantaged is 281.
Aberdeen	Grays Harbor	23,090	218
Airway Heights	Spokane	19,774	250
Algona	King	25,319	186
Benton City	Benton	25,950	175
Bingen	Klickitat	23,154	217
Brewster	Okanogan	15,326	271
Bridgeport	Douglas	14,698	273
Bucoda	Thurston	18,847	255
Burlington	Skagit	27,051	159
Cashmere	Chelan	24,602	192
Castle Rock	Cowlitz	22,155	226
Cathlamet	Wahkiakum	23,276	212
Centralia	Lewis	23,380	210
Chehalis	Lewis	24,329	195
Cheney	Spokane	20,424	243
Chewelah	Stevens	24,072	200
Clarkston	Asotin	21,668	230
Cle Elum	Kittitas	26,042	173
Colfax	Whitman	27,735	150
College Place	Walla Walla	25,352	185
Colville	Stevens	25,507	183
Concrete	Skagit	27,233	158
Connell	Franklin	12,857	280
Cosmopolis	Grays Harbor	26,648	165
Coulee City	Grant	23,249	214
Cusick	Pend Oreille	22,611	222
Darrington	Snohomish	23,848	201
Davenport	Lincoln	28,541	143
Deer Park	Spokane	24,158	199

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East Wenatchee	Douglas	24,878	190
Ellensburg	Kittitas	21,266	234
Elma	Grays Harbor	25,960	174
Elmer City	Okanogan	27,681	154
Endicott	Whitman	21,852	229
Entiat	Chelan	27,705	153
Ephrata	Grant	25,853	178
Everson	Whatcom	23,026	219
Forks	Clallam	21,587	231
Garfield	Whitman	24,797	191
George	Grant	13,848	277
Grand Coulee	Grant	25,772	179
Grandview	Yakima	16,783	263
Granger	Yakima	15,322	272
Harrah	Yakima	21,251	235
Harrington	Lincoln	23,292	211
Hartline	Grant	27,911	146
Hatton	Adams	11,577	281
Hoquiam	Grays Harbor	26,705	164
Ilwaco	Pacific	26,529	166
Ione	Pend Oreille	22,272	225
Kahlotus	Franklin	19,817	249
Kelso	Cowlitz	20,018	246
Kennewick	Benton	27,731	151
Kettle Falls	Stevens	21,162	237
Kittitas	Kittitas	19,596	251
Krupp	Grant	23,722	205
Lamont	Whitman	22,937	220
Latah	Spokane	25,034	188
Lind	Adams	21,323	233
Long Beach	Pacific	22,288	224
Longview	Cowlitz	27,707	152
Mabton	Yakima	13,656	278
Malden	Whitman	18,618	256
Mansfield	Douglas	28,544	142
Marcus	Stevens	18,306	258
Mattawa	Grant	13,281	279
McCleary	Grays Harbor	21,996	228
Medical Lake	Spokane	25,756	180
Mesa	Franklin	15,858	269

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Metaline Falls	Pend Oreille	26,932	162
Morton	Lewis	21,182	236
Moses Lake	Grant	25,476	184
Mossyrock	Lewis	17,968	259
Mount Vernon	Skagit	27,049	160
Moxee	Yakima	20,561	239
Napavine	Lewis	23,432	208
Nespelem	Okanogan	23,751	204
Newport	Pend Oreille	22,622	221
Nooksack	Whatcom	21,159	238
Northport	Stevens	18,549	257
Oak Harbor	Island	27,856	148
Oakville	Grays Harbor	23,186	216
Ocean Shores	Grays Harbor	27,767	149
Odessa	Lincoln	25,942	176
Okanogan	Okanogan	22,422	223
Omak	Okanogan	23,206	215
Oroville	Okanogan	16,724	265
Othello	Adams	20,462	241
Pacific	King/Pierce	23,790	203
Pasco	Franklin	24,230	197
Pateros	Okanogan	25,177	187
Pe Ell	Lewis	26,377	169
Pomeroy	Garfield	23,272	213
Port Angeles	Clallam	27,297	157
Prescott	Walla Walla	19,831	248
Prosser	Benton	23,848	202
Pullman	Whitman	20,201	245
Quincy	Grant	18,952	253
Rainier	Thurston	24,433	193
Raymond	Pacific	23,392	209
Republic	Ferry	20,442	242
Ritzville	Adams	26,466	167
Riverside	Okanogan	18,865	254
Rock Island	Douglas	19,095	252
Rockford	Spokane	26,712	163
Rosalia	Whitman	26,153	172
Roslyn	Kittitas	26,333	171
Roy	Pierce	26,370	170
Royal City	Grant	14,224	275

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SeaTac	King	27,654	155
Sedro-Woolley	Skagit	25,554	182
Shelton	Mason	19,965	247
Soap Lake	Grant	17,322	262
South Bend	Pacific	22,131	227
Spokane Valley	Spokane	27,876	147
Sprague	Lincoln	23,618	206
Springdale	Stevens	17,418	261
St. John	Whitman	25,886	177
Stevenson	Skamania	28,341	144
Sumas city	Whatcom	24,236	196
Sunnyside	Yakima	16,259	268
Tekoa	Whitman	24,182	198
Tenino	Thurston	26,950	161
Tieton	Yakima	13,849	276
Tonasket	Okanogan	20,230	244
Toppenish	Yakima	16,384	267
Union Gap	Yakima	17,832	260
Vader	Lewis	15,717	270
Walla Walla	Walla Walla	25,599	181
Wapato	Yakima	14,565	274
Warden	Grant	16,405	266
Washtucna	Adams	21,425	232
Waverly	Spokane	16,732	264
Wenatchee	Chelan	28,630	141
Wilson Creek	Grant	28,112	145
Winlock	Lewis	20,545	240
Woodland	Cowlitz / Clark	24,958	189
Yacolt	Clark	26,448	168
Yakima	Yakima	23,514	207
Yelm	Thurston	24,403	194
Zillah	Yakima	27,548	156

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Albion	Whitman	31,933	101
Almira	Lincoln	29,296	137
Anacortes	Skagit	41,115	41
Arlington	Snohomish	33,645	82
Asotin	Asotin	37,345	57
Auburn	King/Pierce	33,795	80
Bainbridge Island	King	60,533	13
Battle Ground	Clark	30,139	124
Beaux Arts Village	King	99,893	6
Bellevue	King	66,192	10
Bellingham	Whatcom	30,791	112
Black Diamond	King	49,355	29
Blaine	Whatcom	38,645	49
Bonney Lake	Pierce	40,133	43
Bothell	King / Snohomish	46,507	31
Bremerton	Kitsap	30,556	113
Brier	Snohomish	52,335	25
Buckley	Pierce	35,844	67
Burien	King	35,352	72
Camas	Clark	48,276	30
Carbonado	Pierce	30,499	116
Carnation	King	44,380	32
Chelan	Chelan	32,552	93
Clyde Hill	King	119,776	3
Colton	Whitman	29,918	125
Conconully	Okanogan	31,135	111
Coulee Dam	Okanogan / Douglas / Grant	30,479	118
Coupeville	Island	38,398	50
Covington	King	42,558	36

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Creston	Lincoln	29,618	131
Dayton	Columbia	35,927	65
Des Moines	King	36,838	59
DuPont	Pierce	41,992	37
Duvall	King	58,827	15
Eatonville	Pierce	32,971	87
Edgewood	Pierce	40,480	42
Edmonds	Snohomish	51,534	26
Electric City	Grant	29,863	126
Enumclaw	King/Pierce	34,876	75
Everett	Snohomish	32,421	96
Fairfield	Spokane	31,442	107
Farmington	Whitman	30,530	115
Federal Way	King	31,744	103
Ferndale	Whatcom	29,602	132
Fife	Pierce	31,514	105
Fircrest	Pierce	35,568	68
Friday Harbor	San Juan	32,920	88
Gig Harbor	Pierce	51,237	27
Gold Bar	Snohomish	32,518	94
Goldendale	Klickitat	32,615	91
Granite Falls	Snohomish	32,266	99
Hamilton	Skagit	34,024	78
Hunts Point	King	181,613	1
Index	Snohomish	35,919	66
Issaquah	King	57,062	17
Kalama	Cowlitz	38,145	53
Kenmore	King	53,144	22
Kent	King	31,723	104
Kirkland	King	63,135	12
La Center	Clark	37,124	58
La Conner	Skagit	32,207	100
Lacey	Thurston	32,270	98
LaCrosse	Whitman	30,204	123
Lake Forest Park	King	58,030	16
Lake Stevens	Snohomish	36,205	61
Lakewood	Pierce	29,467	133
Langley	Island	42,609	35
Leavenworth	Chelan	32,429	95
Liberty Lake	Spokane	43,130	34

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Lyman	Skagit	30,488	117
Lynden	Whatcom	30,275	122
Lynnwood	Snohomish	31,184	110
Maple Valley	King	41,969	38
Marysville	Snohomish	32,988	86
Medina	King	117,928	4
Mercer Island	King	90,130	7
Metaline	Pend Oreille	38,815	48
Mill Creek	Snohomish	52,848	23
Millwood	Spokane	33,159	84
Milton	Pierce / King	36,356	60
Monroe	Snohomish	28,803	140
Montesano	Grays Harbor	39,115	46
Mountlake Terrace	Snohomish	36,175	63
Mukilteo	Snohomish	52,707	24
Naches	Yakima	31,848	102
Newcastle	King	69,394	9
Normandy Park	King	54,432	21
North Bend	King	50,884	28
North Bonneville	Skamania	30,280	121
Oakesdale	Whitman	29,754	130
Olympia	Thurston	35,170	74
Orting	Pierce	29,802	128
Palouse	Whitman	38,202	52
Port Orchard	Kitsap	30,532	114
Port Townsend	Jefferson	35,991	64
Poulsbo	Kitsap	37,567	56
Puyallup	Pierce	37,709	55
Reardan	Lincoln	29,769	129
Redmond	King	64,397	11
Renton	King	39,162	45
Richland	Benton	40,100	44
Ridgefield	Clark	38,044	54
Ruston	Pierce	56,823	18
Sammamish	King	70,377	8
Seattle	King	59,835	14
Selah	Yakima	30,451	120

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Sequim	Clallam	29,263	138
Shoreline	King	43,810	33
Skykomish	King	38,260	51
Snohomish	Snohomish	34,779	76
Snoqualmie	King	54,983	20
South Cle Elum	Kittitas	29,067	139
South Prairie	Pierce	35,551	69
Spangle	Spokane	29,837	127
Spokane	Spokane	29,427	135
Stanwood	Snohomish	32,833	90
Starbuck	Columbia	35,257	73
Steilacoom	Pierce	41,436	40
Sultan	Snohomish	35,462	71
Sumner	Pierce	34,004	79
Tacoma	Pierce	33,064	85
Toledo	Lewis	35,476	70
Tukwila	King	32,578	92
Tumwater	Thurston	34,141	77
Twisp	Okanogan	33,461	83
Uniontown	Whitman	31,334	109
University Place	Pierce	38,828	47
Vancouver	Clark	32,880	89
Waitsburg	Walla Walla	31,503	106
Washougal	Clark	41,686	39
Waterville	Douglas	30,473	119
West Richland	Benton	36,191	62
Westport	Grays Harbor	29,441	134
White Salmon	Klickitat	32,287	97
Wilbur	Lincoln	29,382	136
Wilkeson	Pierce	31,427	108
Winthrop	Okanogan	33,656	81
Woodinville	King	56,391	19
Woodway	Snohomish	102,281	5
Yarrow Point	King	136,981	2

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