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Whitman County Economic Development Informational Meeting (EDIM)

May 13, 2026
11:45 am – 1:30 pm
The Center
110 S. Main St.
Colfax, WA

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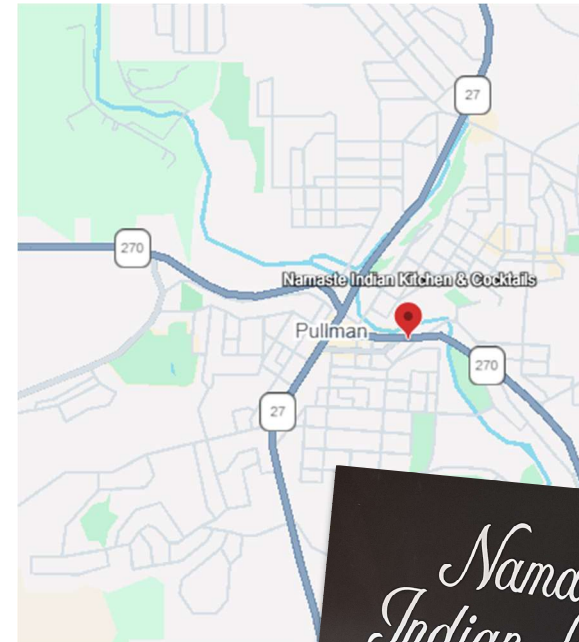


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New Businesses in Whitman County



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New Businesses



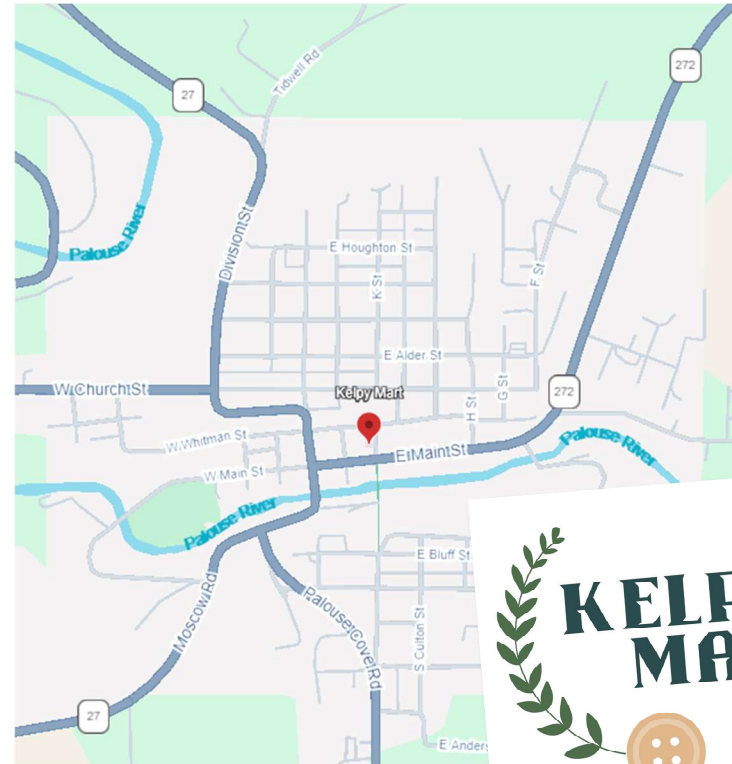
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Small Business Development Center



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Washington SBDC & ADO Partnership
County Activity & Impact Report

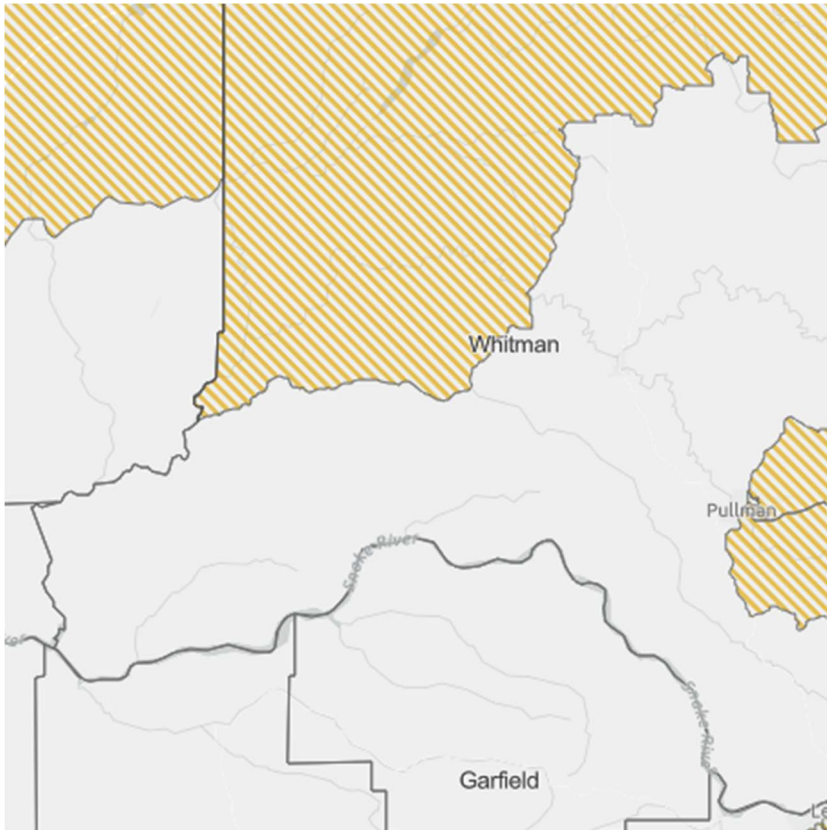
County: Whitman
Quarter Total Date Range: 1.1.26...3.31.26
Year to Date Range: 1.1.26...3.31.26

Data Elements	Quarter Total	Year to Date
CASE TOTALS (Clients)		
Number of Clients Counseled	15	15
Number of New Clients	7	7
Company Status		
Pre-venture/Nascent		
Startups	2	2
In Business	6	6
	7	7
CASE TOTALS (Total Hours)		
All Prep + Contact Client Hours	71	71
New Client Hours	40	40
CASE TOTALS (economic impacts)		
Capital Infusion		
Number Businesses Created	\$29,150	\$29,150
Jobs Created	3	3
Change in Sales	8	8
	\$272,793	\$272,793
CASE TOTALS (economic indicators)		
Jobs Saved/Retained	40	40
Gross Revenue of Counseled Clients	\$357,705	\$357,705
DEMOGRAPHICS (Type of Business, # of Clients)		
Accommodation and Food Services		
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2	2
Arts and Entertainment	1	1
Construction	1	1
Educational Services	1	1
Finance and Insurance	3	3
Healthcare and Social Assistance	0	0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0
Manufacturing	0	0
Professional/Technical Services	2	2
Real Estate, Rental and Leasing	1	1
Retail	0	0
Service	3	3
Transportation and Warehousing	0	0
Wholesale	1	1
No Response	0	0

Opportunity Zone Designation Application



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County Engineer

What has Whitman County Road Department been doing recently?



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Step toe Canyon Road (February 2025)



Green Hollow Road (April 2026)

Whitman County Road Updates



February 2025 Floods Final Cost = ***\$1.6 Million***

- No state emergency declaration = no funding for reimbursement

Whitman County Road Future Budget Outlook

- Declining Revenue/Increased Costs
- Conservative approach rather than drastic changes
 - Not refilling every position as vacancies/retirements occur
 - Reducing nonessential services

2026 County Road Priorities/Projects

- Gravel shoulders on paved roads
- Replacement of 2 timber bridges on L West Road near Palouse
- Normal maintenance activities

Whitman County Road Project Updates



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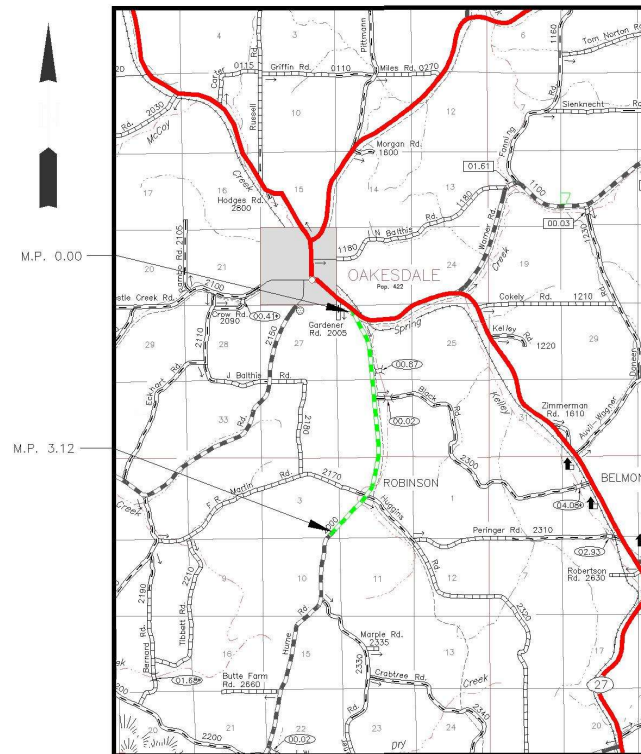
Hume Road Reconstruction Milepost 0.00 – 3.12

Project Details

- Seland Construction
- Construction beginning June 15
 - Road Closed to Through Traffic until 7/31/26
- Construction complete October 1

Project Cost

- \$4,000,000
 - State Grant (CRAB)
 - Federal Funding (FHWA)
 - Local Funds (Whitman County)



HUME ROAD NO. 2000



North: Aug 27, 2020 7:04:45 AM PDT
Local: Aug 27, 2020 7:04:45 AM PDT
47°43'37.75"N 117°13'33.68"W 13,42ft
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Whitman County Future Road Projects

FUNDED PROJECTS

Pullman Airport Road (\$5.5 Million)

- Orville Boyd Road to SR 270
- Begin Design 2026
- Construction 2027/28

Carrie Miller Bridge Replacement (\$2.8 Million)

- Restricted to One Lane until new bridge constructed.
- Design 2026
- Construction 2027

Ewan Bridge Rehabilitation (\$1.2 Million)

- Design 2025/26
- Construction 2027

UNFUNDED PROJECTS

Kitzmillier Road Overlay (\$800k)

- CRAB Grant Funds or...
- County Arterial Preservation Funds (CRAB)

Central Ferry Road Upgrades (\$1.0 million)

- FMSIB Grant
- Improves gravel portion to Agrow Solutions

Questions



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Revitalize Rural
Economies

Elevate Rural Voices
and Priorities

Connecting Rural
with Resources

Program Overview

Outcomes

- **Cultivate** meaningful connections
- **Explore power dynamics** and enhance individual and collective capacity to effect change.
- **Empower participants** to take active roles in shaping their communities' futures.
- **Provide** practical tools, resources, and strategies to identify community needs and implement solutions.
- **Remove** structural barriers to local and state government entities and civic engagement.



Dates and Details



Great Participants are Rural women who are interested in:

- Understanding power dynamics;
- Want to increase the support for community issues;
- Want to participate in a network of rural women

Dates:

August 26, 10am – 12pm

September 2, 10am – 12pm

September 16, 10am – 12pm

September 30 – October 1 *In person at the state capitol.*

October 14, 10am – 12pm

This training is virtual with a two day, in-person trip to the capitol in Olympia, WA.

Visit to the State Capitol

Day 1

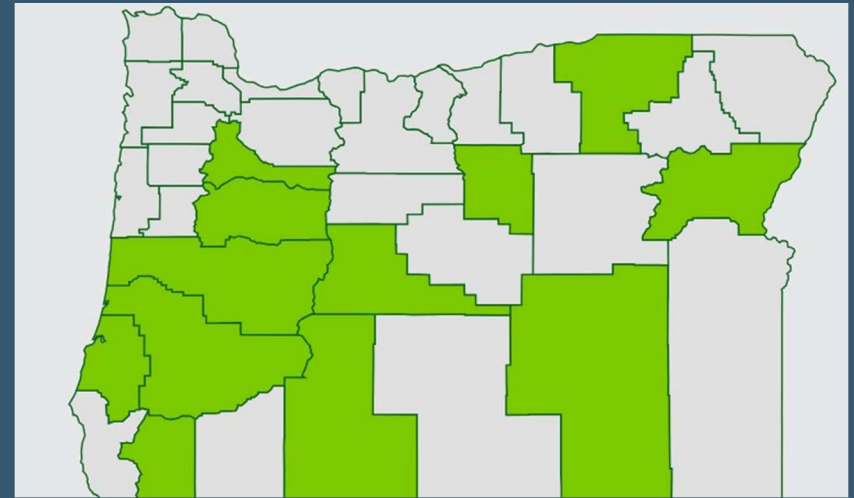
- Lunch and Connections
- Training & Skill Building
- Cohort Dinner

Day 2

- Power Dynamics
- Lunch and Closing

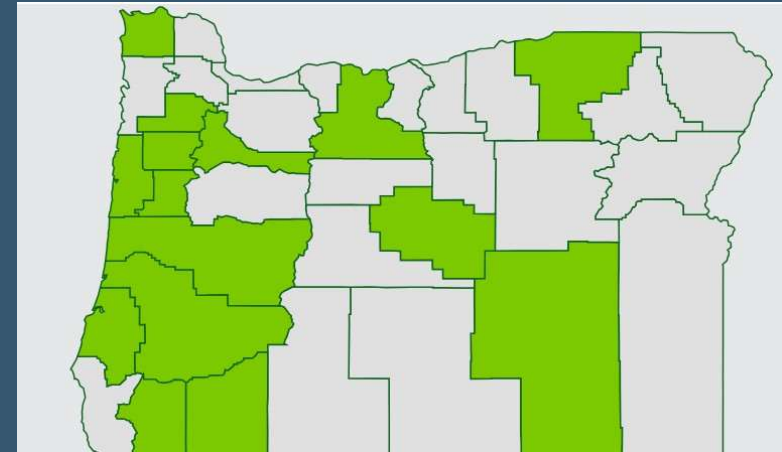


Cohort Information and Data



Cohort 1 (2023): 15 women from 12 counties

Cohort Information and Data



Cohort 2 (2024): 19 women from 15 counties

Success Stories

Meet our Alumni

Turn Up Your Voice:
Taking Action for Community Change



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 Debi Lorence | Halfway Oregon

What's Next?



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Questions? Ideas?

Economic Profiling

Dr. Patrick Jones, Eastern Washington University Institute of Public Policy and Economic Analysis

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