

C-PACER Questions and Answers from Clark County, Washington

1. What is the anticipated staff time for manage the program in terms of FTE? Most organizations we've surveyed have a 0.5 FTE assigned to the program.

Answer: We, too, are anticipating 0.5 FTE or less. For now, we are absorbing it all within existing staff capacity and are not planning to hire additional staff for the program. That may change in the future depending on how many projects we start seeing. Washington has a new state law requiring green energy standards for commercial buildings (even existing buildings), so we expect that demand for the C-PACER program may increase as that state law goes into effect.

2. What are the fees associated with the program?

Answer: Washington state law allows, and the county's ordinance requires, that the fees established cover the full costs of the program. We are still in the process of determining the exact fee table, but will likely follow other jurisdictions in setting it as a percentage of the loan amount; specifically, 1% of the total cost of the qualified project or \$15,000, whichever is less. This mirrors what King County recently adopted.

3. Are any applications or anticipated applications. If so, how many?

Answer: We have about 6-7 projects, worth \$80-\$100M, at some point in the queue. Some are ready for our review and others are just beginning.

4. Which department and position manages the program?

Answer: We are housing the program in our Community Development Department. I believe other jurisdictions use CDD, Community Planning, or even the Assessor's Office. Our program is handled primarily by a Program Assistant, who is supervised by our Chief Building Official. Our Chief Building Official reports to our Community Development Director.