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PUD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Northern Wasco County PUD will be accepting applications for Economic Development grants until 5 PM, May 7, 2009. Applications may be picked up at the Northern Wasco County PUD office, 2345 River Road, The Dalles, or downloaded from the PUD's website: www.nwasco.com . Questions should be directed to Linda Wilson at Northern Wasco County PUD, 298-3302.

The Board of Directors will consider all requests received and plan to make awards at the May 26th regular monthly PUD board meeting. Applicants must document non-profit status; projects shall be for infrastructure or property with a life expectancy of at least five years; located within the Northern Wasco County PUD service area, not be a religious affiliated entity, and not have been funded more than twice in any five year period.

In the 2009 budget, the board allocated \$30,000 to help fund local economic development projects. No one project application can be for more than \$12,000 or 40 percent of the total \$30,000. Applications must include a brief history of the requesting organization and describe the project, including: how the project will economically benefit the community; what steps are being taken to bring the project to a successful completion; other community resources being utilized; and how the organization and project will contribute back to the community.

A detailed budget of the proposed project, including contributions and labor must accompany the application, as well as proof of “not for profit” status. Grants awarded for projects not commenced within one year of award, will be forfeited without special approval by the board.

“The purpose of the grants are to promote economic development and the expansion or addition of business within the PUD’s service area. We feel qualified projects that enhance economic development and growth, also enhance the quality of life and spirit of all within our community, and that is a good thing that PUD is proud to be a part of,” commented Board President, Howard Gonser.