

986 S Main, Suite A
Phone: 509.684.4571
E-mail: admin@teddonline.com
Web : www.tricountyedd.com



A ROADMAP FOR ECONOMIC
RECOVERY & RESILIENCE
OCTOBER 2021

INTRODUCTION

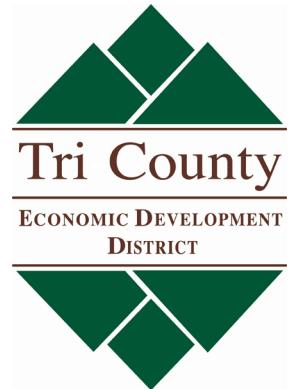
The COVID-19 Pandemic taught us that an economic crisis can come in any form. A virus, unlike a wildfire, flood, earthquake or terror attack, does not cause harm to regional infrastructure initially. In fact, success in a pandemic, as we have learned, is critically reliant upon solid communication networks that minimize in-person contact. As the pandemic progressed over several months, the threats to infrastructure emerged and became apparent in supply chain, and more importantly, workforce availability.

The Regional Economic Recovery Plan is a tool to equip businesses and communities to be prepared for any crisis, regardless of where the greatest impact is felt. Providing our local industries, retail businesses and organizations with the flexibility to maintain adequate operational status is critical to the overall economic success of our region. Our ability, as a region, to access and utilize the resources available to us in non-traditional ways can prevent long term impacts from any disaster.

The tri-county area of Northeast Washington is rich in natural resources, human talent, and most importantly, ingenuity and resilience. This plan offers a framework for businesses and organizations to tap into the rugged individuality of the region to be better prepared for any threat, drawing upon the assets we have within our regional community.

“ By failing to prepare,
you are preparing to
fail.”

— Benjamin Franklin



ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN

TABLE OF CONTENTS

TASK

Develop a strategy to aid economic recovery from any disaster and improve economic resiliency in the northeast Washington region.

PURPOSE

To provide tools for an efficient and nimble local economic recovery effort, in collaboration with vital partners, that charts a path for future economic prosperity. To provide tools for an efficient and nimble local economic recovery effort, in collaboration with vital partners, that charts a path for future economic prosperity.

END STATE

To make local businesses more resilient, the greater community more integrated and inter-reliant, and strengthen the economic landscape of northeast Washington.

- Before the Crisis - Planning ahead
- Crisis Recovery & Resiliency Phases
- Best Practices for Regional Recovery and Growth
- Action Items



BEFORE THE CRISIS- PLANNING AHEAD

MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Business Resilience Task Force

- Delegate representatives for specific functions

Business resiliency plans

- WSBDC Resiliency Toolkit
- Create alternative solutions to different problems

Cooperative agreements

- Identify potential needs and have agreements in place
- Facilities to continue business operations
- Employee lend/lease agreements
- Infrastructure support

Mutual aid: workforce/resource sharing

- If your organization goes down, who can fill the gap?
- Employees under evacuation
- Employees on sick/quarantine leave

Communication channels

- Identify first contacts based on cooperative agreements and mutual aid
- Establish communication plans contingent on infrastructure failures

Business Resource mapping

- Multipurpose spaces with capacity to expand or continue business operations
- Identify overlapping resources
- Housing and shelter for employees to keep them in play
- Emergency child care alternatives

Community Resource Mapping (see county Emergency Management Plan)

- Identify key players in county emergency plan that impact your organization

RECOVERY & RESILIENCY PHASES

Recovery

A return to a normal state of health, mind or strength.

Resiliency

The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.

CRISIS



RECOVERY & RESILIENCY PHASES

RESPONSE

Quickly mobilize resources and partners to provide immediate assistance to affected businesses.

- Activate designated members of the Business Resiliency Task Force
- Deploy mitigations established in the planning phase

PRESERVATION

Work to preserve our economic response efforts to stabilize our local economy while preparing for the future health of our residents, businesses, and workers.

- Augment the work already done
- Restore to operational standards established in CEDS

STABILIZATION

Work to stabilize existing at-risk businesses from disruptions or closures.

- Invest in sustainable alternatives (infrastructure and resources)
- Tap into local assets to rebuild

ENHANCEMENT

Commit to combining and enhancing our past economic successes and our current recovery efforts to ensure a bright economic future.

- Pursue business diversification
- Expand virtual/alternative delivery capabilities
- Training and After Action Review

IMPACTS

Businesses in the tri-county area reported that one of the largest negative impacts to operations during the COVID-19 pandemic was the lack of workforce development and worker availability. This was followed by the challenges of supply chain issues, regulations imposed upon the business, and lack of available broadband to support business conversion.

1 Workforce development

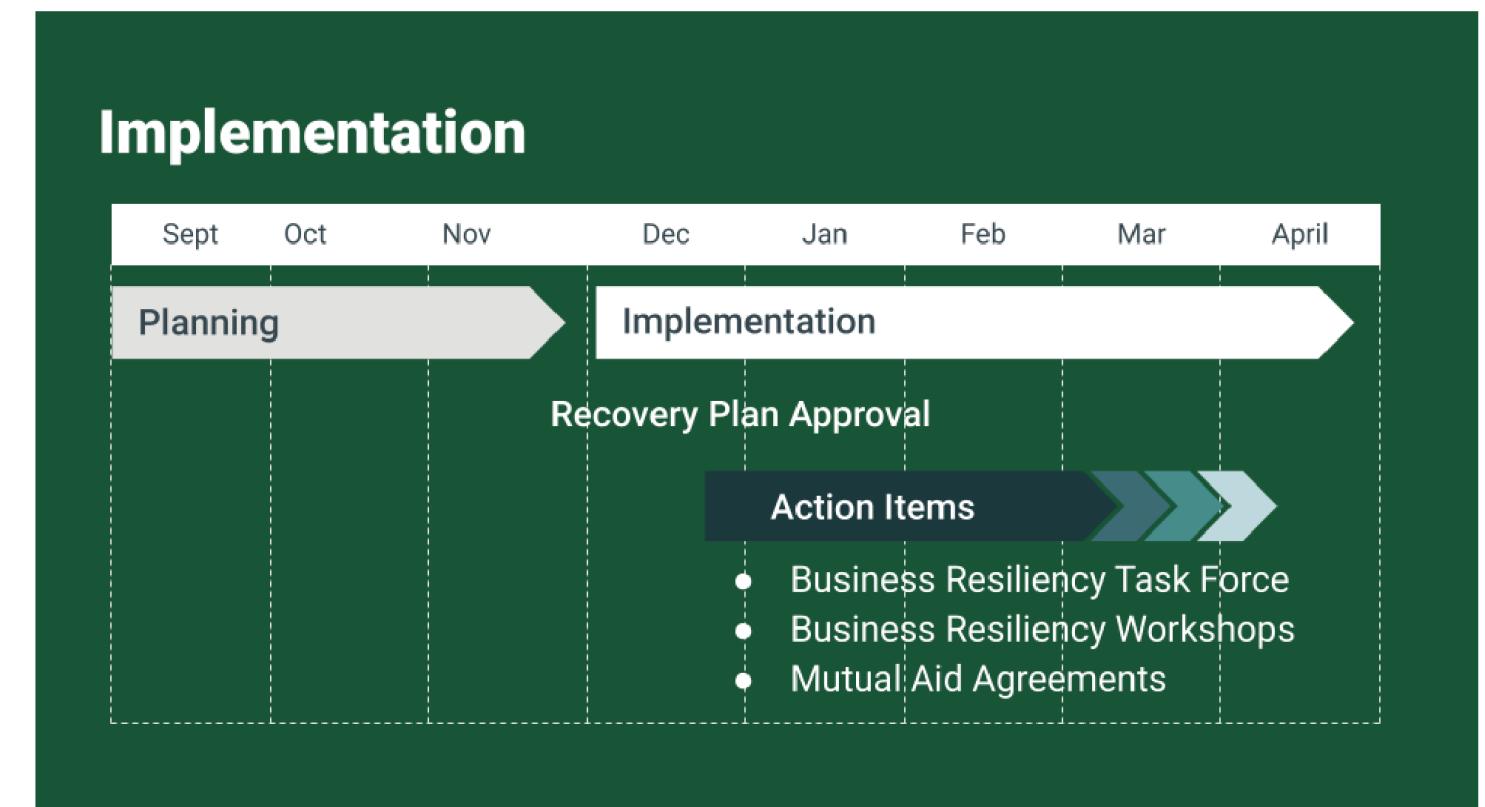
- Education/training
- Affordable housing
- Childcare

2 Infrastructure development

- Broadband access

ACTION ITEMS

- Business Resiliency Task Force - bring all the players to the table
- Business Resiliency Workshop - equipping local businesses to keep the lights on
- Mutual aid/cooperative agreement planning workshop
- Augment communication networks between businesses, agencies and local government
- Resource inventory and tracking



KEY

EMERGENCY BUSINESS CONTACTS

Emergency Services

- Stevens County Emergency Management - PPE, evacuation information, crisis coordination
- Ferry County Emergency Management - PPE, evacuation information crisis coordination
- Pend Oreille County Emergency Management - PPE, evacuation information, crisis coordination
- Washington State Patrol - traffic control, scene management, emergency response
- Stevens County Sheriff's Department - traffic control, scene management, emergency response
- Ferry County Sheriff/911 - traffic control, scene management, emergency response
- Pend Oreille County Sheriff - traffic control, scene management, emergency response
- Stevens County Sheriff's Ambulance - emergency medical transport, event standby, mass casualty response
- Republic Ambulance - emergency medical transport, event standby, mass casualty response
- Chewelah Ambulance - emergency medical transport, event standby, mass casualty response
- Red Cross -emergency shelter, evacuee support services

Business Services

- TEDD - business planning and funding resources
- Colville Chamber of Commerce - business support services
- Ferry County Sunrise - business support services
- Chewelah Chamber of Commerce - business support services
- Kettle Falls Chamber of Commerce -business support services
- Colville Together - downtown development support
- Health Services
- Northeast Tri County Health District - public health resources
- Ferry County Public Health District - public health resources
- Indian Health Services - public health resources

Education

- Community Colleges of Spokane, Colville, Inchelium, Lone , Newport, Republic
- Educational Service District 101
- Washington State University - county extension offices

Employment

- Worksource - workforce development and support
- Employment Security Department - unemployment/employee support

Food Systems

- Hunger Coalition - local emergency food distribution

Family Services

- Rural Resources Community Action - childcare, housing, social services

Infrastructure

- Avista - power
- Broadband Action Team - internet service provider availability and connectivity
- Public Utility Districts - water/sewer
- Telephone/Cable Providers - cellular and landline capabilities
- Federal/State/County Department of Transportation - road closures/ maintenance

