



Canyon County FY2027 Funding Request Application

APPLICATION DUE BY APRIL 30, 2026

Organization Name: Western Alliance for Economic Development dba Rural Economic Partners of Southwest Idaho

Address: 20523 N. Whittier Dr., Greenleaf, ID 83626

Email: (temporary email during transition) debbiedavis270@gmail.com

Website: (currently under reconstruction) www.westernallianceed.org

Contact Name: Debbie Davis Title: Executive Director

Contact Address: 20523 N. Whittier Dr., Greenleaf, ID 83626

Contact Phone: 208-615-6083 (Debbie Davis cell 208-867-9421)

Email: (temporary email during transition) debbiedavis270@gmail.com

Requested funding amount: \$20,000

Documents to be included with application, if not applicable please provide statement of why:

- Proposed FY2027 budget
- 3-year budget-to-actual history
- Letters of commitment from any other funding sources
- Letters of support
- IRS determination letter for 501(c)(3) status and documentation that your organization is incorporated as an Idaho non-profit corporation

Send completed application and attachments to:
Canyon County – Attn: BOCC – 1115 Albany St. Caldwell, ID 83605
OR email to BOCC@canyoncounty.id.gov

**PLEASE NOTE: ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR A MEETING
WITH THE BOARD**

FY2027 CANYON COUNTY FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATION

Please answer the following questions; if additional space is required please attach additional pages as necessary.

1. Provide a detailed description of how the funding will be utilized:

The requested funding will support the continued revitalization of the Western Alliance for Economic Development which is currently being rebranded as Rural Economic Partners of Southwest Idaho with a primary focus on advancing the reinstatement of the Region 3 Economic Development District (EDD).

The current goal is for a significant portion of these funds to be used to engage a qualified consultant to assist with the formation and implementation of the EDD. The scale and complexity of reestablishing a multi-county EDD requires dedicated technical expertise and capacity beyond day-to day operations of the Executive Director. The consultant would assist us in performing the following:

- Establishing the legal and organizational structure of the district
- Developing governance documents and operational frameworks
- Leading coordination outreach and engagement across the ten-county region
- Supporting alignment among regional stakeholders

The position of Executive Director for Rural Economic Partners will be transitioning from part time to full time in order to fill the growing needs of rural communities. The funds received from Canyon County will be critical as a contribution toward the required match for the Idaho Department of Commerce Rural Economic Development Professional (ED Pro) grant.

Overall, this investment will accelerate the reestablishment of a coordinated regional economic development structure while strengthening the organizations capacity to serve rural communities.

2. How does the program/organization benefit the citizens of Canyon County?

Rural Economic Partners directly benefits the citizens of Canyon County by providing localized, relationship driven economic development services tailored to the unique needs of its rural communities.

Through a “boots on the ground” approach, the organization maintains regular, personal outreach with city leaders, small businesses and community stakeholders. This consistent presence ensures that rural communities (often operating under different constraints than urban areas) have access to guidance, resources, and connections that are relevant to their specific circumstances.

Many smaller communities in Canyon County face challenges related to infrastructure, workforce access, and limited administrative capacity. These challenges do not always align with traditional, large scale economic development models. We work to bridge that gap by serving as a direct resource connector...helping communities navigate state programs, identify funding opportunities, and support business retention, expansion, and recruitment in a way that is practical and achievable at the local level.

3. Does your program/organization charge any fees for public or citizen use? If yes, please explain.

We are a membership based organization that relies heavily on stakeholder funding partners. Membership is not required for assistance and/or support from our organization. There is no direct charge for any of our services.

4. How is the program/organization available to the citizens of Canyon County?

Rural Economic Partners ensures accessibility to the citizens of Canyon County through direct, personal engagement and increasing visibility across multiple communication channels. We prioritize regular, in-person visits and ongoing check-ins with city staff, local leaders and small businesses in rural communities. This personalized approach ensures that communities are aware of available resources and have a trusted, familiar point of contact for economic development support.

In addition, the organization is actively enhancing its accessibility through the revitalization of its website and implementation of a coordinated social media presence. These efforts will provide broader awareness, improved communication, and easier access to information and services for residents and businesses throughout Canyon County.

5. What are the regular hours of operation?

Business is conducted during normal business hours throughout the work week, Monday-Friday, 8am – 5pm...however, we are always available for after hour visits or phone conversations when the need arises.

6. How is the program/organization publicized?

Rural Economic Partners is primarily publicized through strong relationships with the staff and leadership of the rural cities we serve. Much of our visibility comes through direct referrals, as city officials frequently connect local businesses and community members with our organization when economic development needs arise. This has been especially evident through ongoing collaboration with the City of Greenleaf.

In addition to these trusted, relationship based referrals, we are actively expanding our outreach efforts by revitalizing our website and working towards a social media presence.

7. Total hours per year the program/organization is available to the public

The organization is available year round to the public...Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm and closed on major holidays. Again...we are always happy to meet with anyone after hours or on weekends as the need arises.

8. Number of citizens served each year?

Most of our direct interaction is with city staff, local leaders, and small businesses but the impact of that work reaches the broader community. As we are working on revitalizing our organization under new leadership, our goals are to track and measure the key performance indicators and work to measure our impact in the communities we serve.

9. How would our contribution reduce or eliminate costs to the County taxpayer?

By serving as a centralized resource for rural communities, Rural Economic Partners helps city staff and local businesses navigate economic development opportunities, connect with state and regional programs, and address challenges before they require direct county involvement. This proactive, on the ground approach helps reduce the demand on county staff and resources.

Additionally, efforts to reinstate the Region 3 Economic Development District will position the region to access federal and state funding opportunities that can support infrastructure, business development, and community projects...bringing outside dollars into Canyon County rather than relying solely on local taxpayer funding.

Overall, the County's investment leverages a broader network of resources and expertise, helping deliver efficient, cost effective economic development services while reducing the long term financial burden on county taxpayers.

It is hereby mutually agreed and understood that if awarded the use of these funds will be for the purposes stated in this document only.

Debbie Davis

Signature of authorized representative

Title: Executive Director

Debbie Davis

4/27/2026

Printed name

Date

City of Greenleaf
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
October 2025 through March 2026

Western Alliance Project				
	Oct '25 - Mar 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Pass Through Income				
WAED Grant Income	15,000.00	30,000.00	-15,000.00	50.0%
Memberships--WAED	10,841.25	20,000.00	-9,158.75	54.21%
Grant Admin Fees--WAED	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.0%
Fundraising/ Scholarships--WAED	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Grant & Membership EDD #3	20,000.00	60,000.00	-40,000.00	33.33%
Total Pass Through Income	45,841.25	122,500.00	-76,658.75	37.42%
Invest Pool Trans- Cash Carry	0.00			
Total Income	45,841.25	122,500.00	-76,658.75	37.42%
Gross Profit	45,841.25	122,500.00	-76,658.75	37.42%
Expense				
Payroll				
Wages	10,360.00	55,000.00	-44,640.00	18.84%
Payroll Expenses				
Benefits-PERSI	239.20	4,085.00	-3,845.80	5.86%
Payroll Liab. Other	0.00	9,900.00	-9,900.00	0.0%
Payroll Expenses - Other	792.54			
Total Payroll Expenses	1,031.74	13,985.00	-12,953.26	7.38%
Total Payroll	11,391.74	68,985.00	-57,593.26	16.51%
WAED--Expenses				
Bank & Service Charges	0.00	260.00	-260.00	0.0%
Cell Phone --WAED	232.38	1,400.00	-1,167.62	16.6%
Fuel--WAED	252.56	7,000.00	-6,747.44	3.61%
Grant Admin Exp.--WAED	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.0%
Insurance Corp- WAED	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
Marketing--WAED	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
Meals/ Meetings--WAED	178.52	3,000.00	-2,821.48	5.95%
Office Supplies- WAED	133.24	2,000.00	-1,866.76	6.66%
Professional Membership & Dues	623.38	1,400.00	-776.62	44.53%
Training --WAED	959.00	6,000.00	-5,041.00	15.98%
Travel-- WAED	359.34	6,000.00	-5,640.66	5.99%
Website Exp- WAED	411.19	1,000.00	-588.81	41.12%
Reserves--WAED	0.00	8,955.00	-8,955.00	0.0%
Total WAED--Expenses	3,149.61	53,515.00	-50,365.39	5.89%
Total Expense	14,541.35	122,500.00	-107,958.65	11.87%
Net Income	31,299.90	0.00	31,299.90	100.0%

City of Greenleaf
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
October 2024 through September 2025

Western Alliance Project				
	Oct '24 - Sep 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Pass Through Income				
WAED Grant Income	12,500.00	15,000.00	-2,500.00	83.33%
Memberships--WAED	30,600.00	54,343.00	-23,743.00	56.31%
Grant Admin Fees--WAED	0.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.0%
Fundraising/ Scholarships--WAED	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total Pass Through Income	43,100.00	89,843.00	-46,743.00	47.97%
Invest Pool Trans- Cash Carry	0.00			
Total Income	43,100.00	89,843.00	-46,743.00	47.97%
Gross Profit	43,100.00	89,843.00	-46,743.00	47.97%
Expense				
Other Expense				
Bank Charges	103.00			
Other	0.00			
Total Other Expense	103.00			
Payroll				
Wages	20,660.00	20,800.00	-140.00	99.33%
Payroll Expenses				
Benefits-PERSI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Payroll Liab. Other	324.61	2,119.52	-1,794.91	15.32%
Payroll Expenses - Other	1,580.49			
Total Payroll Expenses	1,905.10	2,119.52	-214.42	89.88%
Total Payroll	22,565.10	22,919.52	-354.42	98.45%
WAED--Expenses				
WAED-- Capital Outlay	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Cell Phone --WAED	588.70	700.00	-111.30	84.1%
Fuel--WAED	175.11	2,530.48	-2,355.37	6.92%
Grant Admin Exp.--WAED	0.00	54,343.00	-54,343.00	0.0%
Insurance Corp- WAED	1,424.00	1,400.00	24.00	101.71%
Marketing--WAED	105.00	500.00	-395.00	21.0%
Meals/ Meetings--WAED	487.48	1,000.00	-512.52	48.75%
Office Supplies- WAED	399.14	1,900.00	-1,500.86	21.01%
Professional Membership & Dues	300.00	1,300.00	-1,000.00	23.08%
Training --WAED	931.75	1,000.00	-68.25	93.18%
Travel-- WAED	126.50	1,000.00	-873.50	12.65%
Vehicle Maint--WAED	24.00			
Website Exp- WAED	965.46	750.00	215.46	128.73%
Total WAED--Expenses	5,527.14	66,923.48	-61,396.34	8.26%
Total Expense	28,195.24	89,843.00	-61,647.76	31.38%
Net Income	14,904.76	0.00	14,904.76	100.0%

City of Greenleaf
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
October 2023 through September 2024

	Western Alliance Project			
	Oct '23 - Sep 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Pass Through Income				
WAED Grant Income	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Memberships--WAED	10,199.99	18,500.00	-8,300.01	55.14%
Grant Admin Fees--WAED	19,649.72	21,260.00	-1,610.28	92.43%
Fundraising/ Scholarships--WAED	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total Pass Through Income	44,849.71	55,260.00	-10,410.29	81.16%
Invest Pool Trans- Cash Carry	0.00			
Total Income	44,849.71	55,260.00	-10,410.29	81.16%
Gross Profit	44,849.71	55,260.00	-10,410.29	81.16%
Expense				
Other Expense				
Bank Charges	88.25			
Other	0.00			
Total Other Expense	88.25			
Payroll				
Wages	20,800.00	20,800.00	0.00	100.0%
Payroll Expenses				
Benefits-PERSI	0.00			
Payroll Liab. Other	343.20	2,119.52	-1,776.32	16.19%
Payroll Expenses - Other	1,591.20			
Total Payroll Expenses	1,934.40	2,119.52	-185.12	91.27%
Total Payroll	22,734.40	22,919.52	-185.12	99.19%
WAED--Expenses				
WAED-- Capital Outlay	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Cell Phone --WAED	629.18	700.00	-70.82	89.88%
Fuel--WAED	293.15	2,530.48	-2,237.33	11.59%
Grant Admin Exp.--WAED	19,649.72	19,650.00	-0.28	100.0%
Insurance Corp- WAED	1,424.00	1,400.00	24.00	101.71%
Marketing--WAED	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Meals/ Meetings--WAED	228.78	1,000.00	-771.22	22.88%
Office Supplies- WAED	371.64	400.00	-28.36	92.91%
Professional Membership & Dues	800.00	1,300.00	-500.00	61.54%
Training --WAED	944.89	2,000.00	-1,055.11	47.25%
Website Exp- WAED	399.00	750.00	-351.00	53.2%
Total WAED--Expenses	24,740.36	30,730.48	-5,990.12	80.51%
Pass Through Exp.				
Grant Expenditures	0.00			
Potential LGIP Savings Reimb	0.00	1,610.00	-1,610.00	0.0%
Total Pass Through Exp.	0.00	1,610.00	-1,610.00	0.0%
Total Expense	47,563.01	55,260.00	-7,696.99	86.07%
Net Income	-2,713.30	0.00	-2,713.30	100.0%

April 24, 2026

RE: Request for Letter of Support

**Rural Development
Idaho**

Caldwell Office

2208 E. Chicago St
Suite C
Caldwell, ID 83605

Voice
208.779.3440

To whom it may concern:

My name is Noe Ramirez, and I serve as the Western Area Director at the Caldwell USDA Rural Development office.

I am writing to express my support for the Rural Economic Partners of Southwest Idaho and their initiatives aimed at improving southwest Idaho region. Having attended their monthly meetings, I have witnessed firsthand their dedication to advocating for our rural Idaho communities, especially their work in re-establishing the Region Three Economic Development District. We greatly appreciate the partnership and value they provide to our local rural communities in southwest Idaho.

Positive consideration of the Rural Economic Partners of Southwest Idaho will significantly strengthen our local Idaho rural communities. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 208-779-3440 or email at noe.ramirez@usda.gov

Sincerely,

Noe Ramirez
Western Area Director

Cc: Debbie Davis- Executive Director, Rural Economic Partners of Southwest Idaho
Rick D. Youngblood- Idaho State Director, USDA Rural Development



CITY OF GREENLEAF

20523 North Whittier Drive
Greenleaf, Idaho 83626
www.greenleaf-idaho.us



Western Alliance for Economic Development
Attention: Debbie Davis, Executive Director
20523 Whittier Drive
Greenleaf, ID 83626

RE: FISCAL YEAR 2027 LETTER OF SUPPORT

22 April 2026

Greetings!

As of the date of this letter, the City is at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2027 (FY-2027) budgeting process. City Staff's initial starting-point budget for presentation at the May or June 2026 Council Meeting* will include **\$3,000.00 direct financial support** to the Western Alliance for Economic Development (Western Alliance) for FY-2027 (Oct 2026- Sep 2027).

City staff also anticipates providing **in-kind support**, including serving as fiscal agent for the Western Alliance through the upcoming fiscal year, to fulfill Idaho Department of Commerce Economic Development Professional (ED Pro) grant requirements. The City estimates a minimum of 16 staff hours per month at aggregate estimated value of \$40.00/hour, plus \$30.00 monthly photocopier / materials cost.

FY-2027 support, including estimated in-kind, is projected as follows:

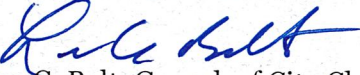
Western Alliance FY-2026 Membership Pledge:	\$ 3,000.00
In-kind Staff Support (\$40/hr x 16hrs = \$560 x 12mo):	\$ 7,680.00
In-kind Materials (\$30/mo x 12mo):	\$ 360.00
<u>Total Direct and In-Kind Support:</u>	<u>\$11,040.00</u>

Additional staff support will be provided, as determined necessary. It is worth note that the typical City government annual membership pledge to the Western Alliance is \$1.00 per resident at latest 10-year census. The 2020 census identified the City of Greenleaf with a population of 812.

This commitment to the Western Alliance reflects the City's recognition of employment and product / service availability benefits to City residents from access to a professional providing *economic development services* to assist business start-ups, business retention, and business relocation both inside the City Limits and regionally in the Western Alliance service area.

The City also supports the Western Alliance's efforts to re-establish an Economic Development District for Idaho Region #3 to bring *community development services* and access to Federal Economic Development Agency (EDA) funding to our region.

Respectfully submitted,


Lee C. Belt, Greenleaf City Clerk

* City Staff relies heavily on the AIC Budgeting Manual. The FY-2027 manual is expected to release in early May, thus City Staff's draft budget may not be solid until Council's June meeting.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: FEB 13 2013

WESTERN ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
PO BOX 95
WILDER, ID 83676

Employer Identification Number:
45-3733703
DLN:
602347034
Contact Person: ERIC KAYE ID# 31612
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
September 30
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
November 21, 2011
Contribution Deductibility:
No
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax-exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-NC, Compliance Guide for Tax-Exempt Organizations (Other than 501(c)(3) Public Charities and Private Foundations), for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Holly O. Paz
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosure: Publication 4221-NC

Letter 948 (DO/CG)

Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Department of the Treasury

Date: January 17, 2013

Western Alliance for Economic Development Inc
PO Box 95
Wilder, ID 83676

Employer Identification Number:

45-3733703

Person to Contact – Group #:

Eric Kaye - 7821

ID# 0676996

Contact Telephone Numbers:

513-263-3124 Phone

513-263-3662 Fax

Response Due Date:

January 31, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for the information recently submitted regarding your application for exemption. Unfortunately, we need more information before we can complete our consideration of your application.

Please provide the information requested on the enclosed Information Request by the response due date shown above. Your response must be signed by an authorized person or an officer whose name is listed on the application. Also, the information you submit should be accompanied by the following declaration:

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this information, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contains all the relevant facts relating to the request for the information, and such facts are true, correct, and complete.

If we approve your application for exemption, we will be required by law to make the application and the information that you submit in response to this letter available for public inspection. Please ensure that your response doesn't include unnecessary personal identifying information, such as bank account numbers or Social Security numbers, that could result in identity theft or other adverse consequences if publicly disclosed. If you have any questions about the public inspection of your application or other documents, please call the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

To facilitate processing of your application, please attach a copy of this letter to your response and all correspondence related to your application. This will enable us to quickly and accurately associate the additional documents with your case file. Also, please note the following important response submission information:

- Please don't fax and mail your response. Faxing and mailing your response will result in unnecessary delays in processing your application. Each piece of correspondence submitted (whether fax or mail) must be processed, assigned, and reviewed by an EO Determinations specialist.

Western Alliance for Economic Development Inc
45-3733703

- Please don't fax your response multiple times. Faxing your response multiple times will delay the processing of your application for the reasons noted above.
- Please don't call to verify receipt of your response without allowing for adequate processing time. It takes a minimum of three workdays to process your faxed or mailed response from the day it is received.

If we don't hear from you by the response due date shown above, we will assume you no longer want us to consider your application for exemption and will close your case. As a result, the Internal Revenue Service will treat you as a taxable entity. If we receive the information after the response due date, we may ask you to send us a new application.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Eric Kaye
Exempt Organizations Specialist

Enclosures: Information Request

Business Search

Searching starts with your entered keyword.

western alliance for economic development

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Results: 1

Form Info	Status	Filing Date	Agent
WESTERN ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. (582292) <i>Non-Profit Corporation (D)</i>	Active-Good Standing	11/21/2011	DEBBIE DAVIS

Business Search

Searching starts with your entered keyword.

Rural Economic Partners of Southwest Idaho

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Results: 1

Form Info	Status	Filing Date	Agent
Rural Economic Partners of Southwest Idaho (6716371) <i>Assumed Business Name</i>	Active-Current	03/18/2026	NO AGENT

WESTERN ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, INC. (582292)
Non-Profit Corporation (D)

X


Request
Certificate

Filing Type	Non-Profit Corporation (D)
Status	Active-Good Standing
Formed In	IDAHO
Term of Duration	Perpetual
Mailing Address	DEBBIE DAVIS 20523 WHITTIER DR GREENLEAF, ID 83626-9199
Initial Filing Date	11/21/2011
AR Due Date	11/30/2026
Registered Agent	Noncommercial 0375319 DEBBIE DAVIS 20523 WHITTIER DR GREENLEAF, ID 83626-9199


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no-reply@sos.idaho.gov

to me ▼

Dear Debbie Davis,

The following document has been reviewed and approved by the Secretary of State's Office:

Certificate of Assumed Business Name (ABN)
Rural Economic Partners of Southwest Idaho

Please log in to your sosbiz.idaho.gov [Work Queue](#) account to view the filing.

Thanks for using sosbiz.idaho.gov.

 Reply  Forward 

FY2027 Proposed Budget
Western Alliance Project

	<u>Budget</u>
Income	
Pass Through Income	
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Grant & Membership EDD #3	60,000.00
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Invest Pool Trans- Cash Carry	15,000.00
Total Income	137,500.00
Gross Profit	137,500.00
Expense	
Payroll	
Wages	65,000.00
Payroll Expenses	
Benefits-PERSI	7,774.00
Payroll Liab. Other	5,200.00
Payroll Expenses - Other	
Total Payroll Expenses	12,974.00
Total Payroll	77,974.00
WAED--Expenses	
Bank & Service Charges	260.00
Cell Phone --WAED	1,400.00
Fuel--WAED	7,966.00
Grant Admin Exp.--WAED	12,000.00
Health Ins	12,000.00
Insurance Corp- WAED	1,500.00
Marketing--WAED	4,000.00
Meals/ Meetings--WAED	3,000.00
Office Supplies- WAED	2,000.00
Professional Membership & Dues	1,400.00
Training --WAED	6,000.00
Travel-- WAED	6,000.00
Website Exp- WAED	2,000.00
Reserves--WAED	0.00
Total WAED--Expenses	59,526.00
Total Expense	137,500.00
Net Income	0.00