

## **News Release**

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### **Port Commission Invests in Local Projects**

The Port of Olympia Commission approved support of the Senior Services of South Sound community kitchen feasibility study and the Lacey MakerSpace at the Monday, February 25 Commission meeting.

These projects are consistent with the commission adopted strategic plan, which prioritizes creating economic opportunity, serving as an environmental steward and maintaining and enhancing popular community assets. The projects include:

- **Senior Services of South Sound Community Kitchen Feasibility Study**  
The Port Commission authorized \$19,000 to support a community kitchen feasibility study in partnership with Washington State University, Thurston Economic Development Council (EDC), and Senior Services of South Sound. This project will explore the feasibility of a community kitchen where all Senior Services meals can be prepared and develop a business plan for moving the effort forward. The project contributes to the larger agricultural sector development efforts the Port has supported.
- **Lacey MakerSpace**  
The Port Commission authorized \$15,000 to support investment in the Lacey MakerSpace project for purchase of equipment and operational expenses in partnership with Thurston EDC, Saint Martin's University and City of Lacey. The Lacey MakerSpace will be a community center that will contain industrial quality equipment, access for local businesses to equipment, and technology and fabricators. In addition, Lacey MakerSpace will provide training on use of computers and equipment, and foster collaboration for those with similar interests.

For information about the Commission's approved special projects, please visit the Port's website at [www.portolympia.com](http://www.portolympia.com).

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#### **About the Port of Olympia**

The southernmost deep-water port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia owns and operates an international shipping terminal that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates Swantown Marina & Boatworks, a 733-slip recreational marina and boat haulout/repair facility, a regional airport and a real estate division.