

Learn more about your GHCOG

What is a COG?

A Council of Governments (COG) is a regional public planning agency led by representatives from local public agencies and jurisdictions.

A COG serves its member agencies and the citizens in the region by addressing issues and needs that cross city, town, and county boundaries. Examples include regional transportation planning, funding searches, and data and mapping services.

Why do we have GHCOG?

Founded in 1960, the GHCOG is one of the oldest COGs in Washington State.

Early projects of the GHCOG included planning efforts to construct the Wynoochee Dam and support the creation of the Grays Harbor Transit Authority.

Why is it important to be part of GHCOG ?

The GHCOG provides a forum for regional problem solving. Working together with one unified voice, members are heard and responded to by state and federal legislators as a cohesive group, not as individuals with differing and competing interests.

Grays Harbor Council of Governments

Members

City of Aberdeen
City of Cosmopolis
City of Elma
City of Hoquiam
City of McCleary
City of Montesano
City of Oakville
City of Ocean Shores
City of Westport
Grays Harbor County
Grays Harbor P.D.A
Grays Harbor P.U.D.
Grays Harbor Transit
Port of Grays Harbor
Timberland Regional Library
Columbia-Pacific R.C. & E.D.D.

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What GHCOG does for the communities and citizens of Grays Harbor.

MAPPING AND GIS ANALYSIS

Producing maps and maintaining local geographic data for our members is an essential service provided by GHCOG. GHCOG staff use the latest in mapping technology (GIS) and collect the most up-to-date geographic data available to create mapping products that assist members in decision making, long-range planning efforts, and hazard preparedness.



DATA

GHCOG is part of the state data center network. Staff respond to numerous requests for data that assist our members in their planning efforts, funding applications, and decision making. Data requests may involve the creation of tables, charts and maps.

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TRANSPORTATION

Transportation planning is an important function of GHCOG. Grays Harbor faces challenges of balancing and coordinating multiple transportation modes: vehicle, freight, rail, aviation, ferry, bike, pedestrian. GHCOG is the local planning agency that provides input and reviews state and federal transportation plans and funding programs. Through long-range planning efforts, millions of dollars in project funding have been directed into our communities.

COMPREHENSIVE AND REGIONAL PLANNING

GHCOG staff provide assistance to their members in the development of land use and environmental plans, projects and studies that meet their community needs by providing research and technical assistance in drafting comprehensive land use, parks and recreation, transportation, capital facilities and environmental regulations.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community development is a major need identified by local jurisdictions. From Main Street revitalization, to utility system infrastructure upgrades, to park and recreation development, to sidewalks and trails, our members have significant community development needs. GHCOG provides help in articulating, prioritizing, and managing those needs, as well as financing them in order to bring improvements to our communities.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION & POLICY

The GHCOG provides a forum for regional problem solving and decision making. Issues important to the region are identified, developed and addressed to appropriate state and federal agencies, and organizations and individuals to attempt to resolve them to the benefit of the region.



JOBS TEAM

The Jobs Team advocates support for regional projects on the state and federal levels, supports requests for funding, identifies existing road blocks and provides solutions, and develops policy that paves the way for jobs in our community.



GRANT AND LOAN FUNDING RESEARCH & ASSISTANCE

GHCOG serves as a grant and loan research resource for its members. Staff complete grant and loan searches and assist members with applications for community development, infrastructure, transportation and social planning projects.



McCleary Simpson Ave. sidewalk project