

WISE Project Seeks Manager for Program

By The Chronicle

Centralia College hosted a kickoff meeting Monday for a \$10 million grant it recently acquired through the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Washington Integrated Sector Employment, otherwise known as WISE, project grant was awarded to the college's Pacific Northwest Center of Excellence for Clean Energy, along with two other Centers of Excellence and eight community col-

leges.

Centralia College is the fiscal agent for the grant and all the funds will be funneled through the college, and dispersed to the other participants.

In all, Centralia College will benefit from \$1.8 million directly, the largest amount given to any of those involved.

Barbara Hins-Turner, director of the Center of Excellence for Clean Energy, gave an overview of how the grant was funded on a national basis, and explained

the role of the eight participating colleges in the Monday meeting. She focused on how Centralia College, the fiscal lead, will disperse the funds to the different colleges.

The money aims to provide entry-level training in clean energy, construction and advanced manufacturing, helping to maneuver students through the educational system and into jobs.

Hins-Turner said the project was driven by industry for industry.

The four-hour meeting helped establish an executive leadership team comprised of people representing the different fields.

The next step will be to hire a project manager, who will then create an overall project management guide. That guide will help usher those participating throughout the process, marking deadlines for fiscal responsibilities and training.

"We'll need to make sure we are tracking and documenting that the training is happening,

where it is happening and that it's happening in the way we committed to make it," Hins-Turner said.

The goal is to have a project manager in place by mid-January.

The money is part of a nationwide program called the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training competitive grant program. In all, \$450 million was given to almost 270 community colleges throughout the nation.

Pe Ell Pot-Bellied Pig Brings Possible Animal Control Changes to Town

IS IT LIVESTOCK: Town's Ordinance Defining What is Livestock and What is a Pet Could Change

By Kaylee Osowski

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A pot-bellied pig sparked an ordinance change for the town of Pe Ell.

Pe Ell Marshal Mike Hartnett began working on changes to the town's animal control ordinance about a month and a half ago. He said a citizen's complaint about someone owning a pet pot-bellied-pig led to the proposed revisions.

Hartnett went to the home where the residents were reported to have a pet pot-bellied pig.

"Yes, in fact, there's a little, small, 30, 35-pound pot-bellied-pig that's litterbox trained of all things and it's in the house most of the time," Hartnett said.

If the pot-bellied pig is usually in the house and is potty-trained, Hartnett doesn't see how the animal could be considered a nuisance.

As the ordinance currently stands, the pig is not allowed as a pet in Pe Ell.

Some amounts of how much someone could be fined were tweaked, but the main focus for the proposed changes was the ordinance's definition of livestock.

Hartnett said he reworked the ordinance so that livestock refers to large animals — horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, bovine animals, sheep, swine, goats. Livestock that don't exceed 50 pounds as an adult, is maintained as a household pet and isn't a safety hazard or nuisance to the community are OK. Households would be limited to two such animals.

"So if somebody wanted to have like a pygmy goat, that's no big deal," Hartnett said. "They don't bark."

Previously, Hartnett said a Pe Ell resident keeps a few sheep in the backyard, but because sheep get large, the citizen was asked to remove the animals.

In revising the ordinance, Hartnett said, he primarily considered whether livestock can be contained in a human area considering the animal's size and how many public health and safety and nuisance issues are there to neighbors.

"I'm hoping that what I've come up with will be reasonable," Hartnett said.

The town council is expected to take up the issue and consider the proposed changes in January.

He said the goal of the changes is to make it "fair across the board" and allow citizens who would like to have reasonably-sized livestock pets to be able to raise them in Pe Ell.

However, even if the proposed revisions to the ordinance pass, citizens still need to abide by other rules for Pe Ell pet owners — not allowing the animal create a health hazard or a nuisance and keeping the containment area of the pet clean, he said.

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