



West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Serving the counties of Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Polk, and St. Croix

LENDING SPECIALIST

The West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) is seeking a Lending Specialist to administer the loan portfolio of the Regional Business Fund, Inc. (RBF). Duties include underwriting loan requests, analyzing financial statements and cash flow, reviewing and recommending commercial loan requests, and other credit and economic development activities. Qualifications include a four-year degree in accounting, finance, or business with a strong financial analysis background, excellent customer service, communication and presentation skills, proficiency in Microsoft Office applications, and the ability to work independently with confidential information. Prior experience as a credit analyst, loan officer, or other comparable experience is preferred. Starting salary range is \$45,000-\$60,000 depending on background and qualifications. If interested, please email a cover letter and resume by April 3, 2019 to [Lynn Nelson](#), or mail to WCWRPC, 800 Wisconsin Street, Mail Box 9, Eau Claire, WI 54703.

DISASTER RECOVERY LOANS FOR BUSINESSES

The West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is in the process of securing funds to provide disaster recovery loans to businesses. The loans will be for up to \$15,000 at a 0% fixed interest rate. Pay back is over a 24 month period, with payment deferred during the first six months. To be eligible the business must be located within the seven-county region (Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Polk, or St. Croix County), have suffered measurable physical or economic losses because of a disaster event, and attest to intent to resume business operation in the community as quickly as possible. Eligible activities include procurement of cleanup and restoration services; operating

expenses such as payroll; rent/mortgage for temporary space; repairs; and reconstruction. If you know of anyone who could use these funds please email [Tobi LeMahieu](mailto:Tobi.LeMahieu) or call 715-836-2918.

EVENTS & FUNDING

APRIL 2019

Upcoming Events: April - May 2019

Environment and Land Use: How Counties Protect Land & Water Seminar -

Wisconsin Counties Association

April 22, 2019

Stevens Point, WI

2019 Nelson Institute Earth Day Conference

April 22, 2019

Madison, WI

2019 Wisconsin Rural Summit - Wisconsin Rural Partners

April 24-25, 2019

Rice Lake, WI

Town Officials Workshops - Wisconsin Towns Association

May 7, 2019 - Barneveld, WI

May 8, 2019 - Green Bay, WI

May 9, 2019 - Madison, WI

May 13, 2019 - Minocqua, WI

May 15, 2019 - Stevens Point, WI

May 16, 2019 - Tomah, WI

May 21, 2019 - Rice Lake, WI

May 22, 2019 - Cable, WI

May 23, 2019 - Eau Claire, WI

Clark County Economic Development Corporation & Tourism Bureau Annual Meeting

May 8, 2019 - SAVE THE DATE or call 715-255-9100 for more information

Greenwood, WI

Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation Annual Meeting

May 10, 2019

Eau Claire, WI

2019 Local Government 101 - League of Wisconsin Municipalities

May 10, 2019 - Pewaukee, WI

May 17, 2019 - Eau Claire, WI

May 31, 2019 - Madison, WI

June 21, 2019 - Appleton, WI

June 28, 2019 - Ashland, WI

September 13, 2019 - Waupaca, WI

Funding Opportunities: April - June 2019

Community Development Block Grant Planning (PLNG) Program

Applications accepted on a continuous basis – Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

Community Development Investment Grant Program

No submission deadlines – Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Rural Business Development Grants

Contact your local USDA Office for timelines, eligibility, requirements, etc.

Rural Energy for America Program

Contact your local USDA Office for timelines, eligibility, requirements, etc.

Idle Sites Redevelopment Program

Continuous application process – Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Growing Rural Communities Fund

Ongoing – RURAL LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation)

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

Ongoing – US Dept. of Agriculture

Water & Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program

Ongoing – US Dept. of Agriculture

Regional Innovation Strategies

April 4, 2019 – Economic Development Administration

Rural Economic Development Innovation (REDI) Initiative

April 5, 2019 - US Dept. of Agriculture

Organic & Sustainable Ag Grants **JUST ADDED**

April 8, 2019 – United Natural Foods, Inc.

Challenge America

April 11, 2019 – National Endowment for the Arts

Connect Communities

April 12, 2019 – Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Community Economic Development Projects **JUST ADDED**

April 12, 2019 – US Dept. of Health & Human Services

Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS)

April 15, 2019 – Administration for Children and Families

Community Connect Grants Program

April 15, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Notice of Discharge Grants

April 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Wisconsin Humanities Council Major Grants

April 15, 2019

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) Trail Aids

April 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Snowmobile Trail Aids

April 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Motorized Stewardship Grants

April 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Targeted Runoff Management Program

April 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Acres for America 2019 (Pre-proposals)

April 17, 2019 – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects for FY 2019

April 24, 2019 – Bureau of Reclamation

The Lawrence Foundation

April 30, 2019

Patagonia Corporate and Media Grants Programs

April 30, 2019

Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks

May 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Land and Water Conservation Fund

May 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Recreational Trails Program

May 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Urban Green Space

May 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Urban Rivers Grant

May 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Fund for Wild Nature

May 1, 2019

Wisconsin Humanities Council Mini Grants

May 1, 2019

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Implementation JUST ADDED

May 6, 2019 – US Dept. of Health and Human Services

FY19 Opioid Affected Youth Initiative JUST ADDED

May 7, 2019 – Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants

May 15, 2019 – National Endowment for the Humanities

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities Program

May 17, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

Safe Places to Play (Summer Cycle)

May 24, 2019 (letter of interest– with application deadline 5/31/19) – US Soccer Foundation

ReConnect Rural Broadband Program

May 31, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

National Trust Preservation Funds

June 1, 2019 - National Trust for Historic Preservation

Rental Housing Development (RHD)

June 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

Notice of Discharge Grants

June 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Quadrattec Energize the Environment Grant

June 30, 2019 – Quadrattec

Clean Water Fund Program

June 30, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Safe Drinking Water Loan Program

June 30, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

June 30, 2019

The following funding agencies have various programs and deadlines:

Cedar Tree Foundation - *Environmental health and sustainable agriculture*

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation - *Support efforts that promote a just, equitable, and sustainable society*

CN Stronger Communities Fund - *Building safer, stronger communities*

Community Engineering Corps - *Infrastructure engineering assistance for underserved communities*

Cornell Douglas Foundation - *Advocating for environmental health and justice, encouraging stewardship of the environment, and furthering respect for sustainability of resources*

Doris Duke Charitable Foundation - *Improve the quality of people's lives through grants supporting the performing arts, environmental conservation, medical research and child well-being*

EDA Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program

Contact the WCWRPC if interested

EDA Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

Contact the WCWRPC if interested

Environmental Research and Educational Foundation - *Sustainable waste management practices*

Ford Family Foundation - *Funding opportunities for small or rural communities*

Freight Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program (FRIIP) - *Encouraging a broader array of improvements to the rail system*

Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas Grants - *Promoting environmental causes*

SBA 7a Loans - *Loans to small businesses for working capital; equipment purchase; real estate purchase; building construction or renovation; business acquisition; and debt refinancing*

USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program - *Develop essential community facilities in rural areas*

US Dept. of Energy Office of Indian Energy On-Request Technical Assistance

Provides federally recognized Indian tribes, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects

USDOT Bus and Bus Related Equipment and Facilities Program

Contact Local Region Department of Transportation

Waste Management Charitable Giving - *Promote civic pride, economic development,*

and revitalization

Wisconsin Fast Forward Grant Program - Customized worker training projects

Xcel Energy Focus Area Grants - Economic sustainability, education, arts & culture, environment



**REGIONAL
BUSINESS FUND, INC.**

The Regional Business Fund, Inc. (RBF, Inc.) is a non-profit economic development corporation whose purpose is to promote business and economic development in west central Wisconsin. The RBF, Inc. offers low-interest loan funds to businesses that expand within the region, diversify the economy, add new technology, revitalize buildings in the region's downtowns, create or retain quality jobs, and increase capital investment in the region. The RBF, Inc. offers the following programs:

- Revolving Loan Fund
- Growth Loan Fund
- Micro Loan Fund
- Downtown Facade Fund
- Technology Enterprise Fund
- EDA Fund

For more information, visit our [website](#), or please contact:

- **Tobi LeMahieu**, Fund Manager
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- **Mai Xiong-Thao**, Loan Processor