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 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 22-25, 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

**Quadracef Energize the Environment Grant**

June 30, 2019 – Quadracef

**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

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:

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- **Jordan Pospishil**, Lending Specialist
- **Mai Xiong-Thao**, Loan Processor