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West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

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EVENTS & FUNDING

APRIL 2020

Upcoming Events: April - May 2020

At this time, due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Events schedule is suspended. New and rescheduled events will be included in our next newsletter.

Funding opportunities and information relating to impacts of COVID-19

Resources Available through the Regional Business Fund, Inc.

Access to Low-Interest Loans

Current RBF Programs can provide 4.0% loans for working capital. If you're unable to obtain traditional bank or credit union financing, considering the following programs:

- Micro Loan Fund Program (start-up companies up to 2 years of age)
- Growth Loan Fund Program (established companies 2 years or older with at least \$100,000 in sales within the last 12 months)

Payment Deferral Options for Current RBF, Inc. Borrowers

We understand your business may experience financial difficulty as a result of the impacts

of COVID-19. If you have been current on loan payments up to the time of the request, you may request:

- A principal and interest payment deferral for up to 3 months
- An interest-only payment period up to 6 months
- A temporary payment reduction up to 6 months

Please call the Regional Business Fund, Inc. at 715-836-2918 or email [Tobi LeMahieu](#) or [Heidi Biesterveld](#) to discuss options. You can also check out the RBF website [here](#).

Economic Injury Disaster Loan Assistance

US Small Business Administration

Small Business 20/20

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Rising to Challenges: Navigating through COVID-19 in Wisconsin: Strategies and Resources for Small Businesses and Community Groups

Publication by Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Funding Opportunities: April - June 2020

Challenge America

April 9, 2020 – National Endowment for the Arts

Notice of Discharge Grants

April 15, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Wisconsin Humanities Council Major Grants

April 15, 2020

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) Trail Aids

April 15, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Snowmobile Trail Aids

April 15, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Motorized Stewardship Grants

April 15, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Targeted Runoff Management Program

April 15, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management Grant Program

April 15, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Acres for America **JUST ADDED**

April 15, 2020 (pre-proposal due date) – National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

Main Street Connect Communities JUST ADDED

April 17, 2020 - Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Technical Education Equipment Grant Program JUST ADDED

April 17, 2020 - Wisconsin Fast Forward Grants

Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant JUST ADDED

April 30, 2020 (online) or May 5, 2020 (paper application) - US Dept. of Agriculture

The Lawrence Foundation

April 30, 2020

Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks

May 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Land and Water Conservation Fund

May 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Recreational Trails Program

May 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Urban Green Space

May 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Urban Rivers Grant

May 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Fund for Wild Nature

May 1, 2020

Wisconsin Humanities Council Mini Grants

May 1, 2020

Farmers Market Promotion Program JUST ADDED

May 11, 2020

Rural Business Development Grant Program-Transportation Systems JUST ADDED

May 14, 2020 - US Dept. of Agriculture

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities Program

May 14, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

In response to meeting restrictions put in place related to COVID-19, the Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR) is extending the 2020 CDBG PF application submittal deadline to June 25, 2020 at 4:00pm

Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants

May 15, 2020 - National Endowment for the Humanities

FY 2020 National Infrastructure Investments

May 18, 2020 – US Dept. of Transportation

FY2020 FY2021 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase II Request for Applications

May 27, 2020 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Emergency Shelter Grant/Transitional Housing Program/Homelessness Prevention Program

June 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

National Trust Preservation Funds

June 1, 2020 - National Trust for Historic Preservation

Rental Housing Development (RHD)

June 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

Notice of Discharge Grants

June 15, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Quadratrac Energize the Environment Grant

June 30, 2020 - Quadratrac Cares

Go Outside Fund

June 30, 2020 – Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin

Clean Water Fund Program

June 30, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Safe Drinking Water Loan Program

June 30, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) Funding

June 30, 2020 - US Dept. of Agriculture

The following state or federal funding agencies have various programs and deadlines:

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

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

Community Development Block Grant-Emergency Assistance Program

Varies - Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

Emergency Watershed Protection-Floodplain Easement

Contact local Natural Resources Conservation Service field office

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 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
- **Heidi Biesterveld**, Lending Specialist
- **Mai Xiong-Thao**, Loan Processor