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West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission  
*Serving the counties of Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Polk, and St. Croix*

## ***WCWRPC TO HOST STRONG TOWNS EVENT SAVE THE DATE!***

***Thursday, April 20, 2017***, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Elected officials, government staff, business and institutional leaders, and others involved in municipal finance and infrastructure are invited to learn more about Strong Towns and their model of development that allows communities and neighborhoods to grow financially strong and resilient.

- 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon: Chuck Marohn, PE, AICP, will share his wealth of knowledge about developing financially productive communities and you'll have the chance to speak with him about transportation, engineering, finance, or planning issues. Please bring your questions and ideas to the table. Learn more and register [here](#).
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Chuck Marohn will lead a walking tour in downtown Eau Claire in which participants will discover how to view

their community through the Strong Towns perspective while identifying current challenges and discussing possible solutions to their built environment. The walking tour is a way for attendees to see the bridge between topics shared in our morning presentation and the local context. Learn more and register [here](#).

A public event will be held that evening:

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM: Chuck Marohn will give a public Curbside Chat presentation followed by a community-specific discussion about the financial health of our places. This classic Strong Towns talk, which has been given in dozens of cities across the country, is centered on the question, “Why, despite all the growth America has experienced, do our cities struggle financially just to accomplish basic tasks?” This stunning presentation is a game-changer for communities looking to grow more resilient and obtain true prosperity during changing times. To learn more about the evening presentation, click [here](#).

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## EVENTS & FUNDING

FEBRUARY 2017

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### Upcoming Events

**Wisconsin Counties Association 2017 Annual Legislative Exchange**

Madison, WI

February 7-8, 2017

**2017 Greater St. Croix Valley Legislative Day**

Madison, WI

February 8, 2017

**Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) Governor's Conference on Economic Development**

Milwaukee, WI

February 8-10, 2017

**St. Croix Economic Development Corporation 2016 Business of the Year Awards**

**Banquet**

New Richmond, WI

February 16, 2017

**Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation 2017 Annual Luncheon**

February 20, 2017

**UW Extension Cybersecurity Teleconference**

February 21, 2017

**CDBG-Public Facilities (PF) and Planning (PLNG) Projects Application Training**

**Sessions**

February 22, 2017 - Fitchburg, WI

March 1, 2017 - Wausau, WI

**Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Planning Grant Program**

**Webinar**

February 23, 2017

**2017 Wisconsin Hazardous Materials Awareness & Waste Disposal Training Seminar**

February 23, 2017 - Madison, WI

March 8, 2017 - Camp Douglas, WI (no walk-ins)

March 9, 2017 - Wausau, WI

March 16, 2017 - West Bend, WI

March 21, 2017 - Green Bay, WI

March 23, 2017 - Madison, WI

March 28, 2017 - Fond du Lac, WI

April 5, 2017 - Menomonie, WI

April 6, 2017 Hayward, WI

April 11, 2017 - Madison, WI

**Momentum West 2017 Annual Luncheon**

Menomonie, WI

March 8, 2017

**Red Cedar Watershed Conference**

Menomonie, WI

March 9, 2017

**2017 Annual Meeting - Water Resources Association**

Elkhart Lake, WI

March 9-10, 2017

**UW-Extension Managing Public Records Teleconference**

March 21, 2017

**Wisconsin Counties Association West Central Regional Legislative Meeting**

Eau Claire, WI

March 23, 2017

**Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) 2017 Legislative Day**

Madison, WI

March 29, 2017

**Funding Opportunities: February 2017 - April 2017**

**FY 2017 Economic Development Assistance Programs (EDAP)**

No submission deadlines – Economic Development Administration

**2017 Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) Designation**

Petitions may require months to prepare – Petition deadline 6/10/2017

Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

**Water and Waste Disposal Revolving Loan Fund Grants**

February 6, 2017 – US Dept. of Agriculture

**Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants**

February 9, 2017

**FY 2016 SAFER Grant Program**

February 10, 2017 – Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Fiskars Project Orange Thumb Garden Grants**

February 10, 2017

**Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)**

February 15, 2017 – Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation

**National Trails Fund**

February 17, 2017 – American Hiking Society

**K-12 Classroom Technology Grants**

February 24, 2017 – Teacher Grants

**North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Standard Grants**

February 24, 2017 – US Fish and Wildlife Service

**Veteran Housing Grants**

February 24, 2017 – Home Depot Foundation

**Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Nonprofit Conservation Organization (NCO) Grants**

March, 2017 (not yet established) – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

**Boat Enforcement Patrol Grants**

March 1, 2017 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

**Access Fund Climbing Preservation Grant Program**

March 1, 2017

**Shooting Range Grant Program**

March 1, 2017 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

**Worker Training Grants for Wisconsin Small Business Occupations**

March 3, 2017 – Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development

**Worker Training Grants for Wisconsin Construction Trades & Related Occupations**

March 3, 2017 – Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development

**Freshwater Future - Project Grants**

March 31, 2017

**Rural Broadband Access Loans and Loan Guarantees Program**

March 31, 2017 – US Dept. of Agriculture

**Rural Energy for America (REAP)**

March 31, 2017 – US Dept. of Agriculture

**Rural Business Development Grants**

March 31, 2017 – US Dept. of Agriculture

**Meetings Mean Business! Grants Program**

April 1, 2017 – Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism

**Joint Efforts Marketing (JEM) Grants**

April 1, 2017 – Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism

**Ready, Set, Go! Grants**

April 1, 2017 – Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism

**Baseball Tomorrow Fund**

April 1, 2017 – MLB Community.org

**Challenge America**

April 13, 2017 – National Endowment for the Arts

**State Urban Mass Transit Operating Assistance**

***Letter of Interest by 4/15/17***

October 15, 2017 for municipalities with populations under 50,000 and for municipalities with populations of 50,000 or more – Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation

**Notice of Discharge Grants**

April 15, 2017 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

**Wisconsin Humanities Council Major Grants**

April 15, 2017

**Nonpoint Pollution Abatement Program - Targeted Runoff Management Program**

April 15, 2017 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

**Nonpoint Pollution Abatement Program - Urban Nonpoint Source and Stormwater**

April 15, 2017 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

**All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) Trail Aids**

April 15, 2017 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

**Snowmobile Trail Aids**

April 15, 2017 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

**The Lawrence Foundation**

April 30, 2017

**Patagonia Environmental Grants and Support**

April 30, 2017

*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*

**Costco Wholesale Grants** - *Focus on children, education, and health and human services*

**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*

**Georgia-Pacific Foundation** - Education, enrichment, environment, entrepreneurship

**Freight Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program (FRIIP)**

*Proposals accepted on an on-going basis - Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation*

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

*environmental causes*

**USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program** - Develop essential

*community facilities in rural areas*

**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*

**WEDC Grant Opportunities** - Help communities spur local economic development

**Wells Fargo Clean Technology and Innovation Grant Program**

*Throughout the year – invitation only*

**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

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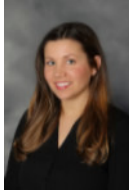


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