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## EVENTS & FUNDING

**JANUARY 2017**

### Upcoming Events

**[UW Extension Fire and EMS Planning Amid Changing Demographics](#)**

**[Teleconference](#)**

January 17, 2017

**[Dunn County EDC Annual Meeting](#)**

Menomonie, WI

January 17, 2017

**[Rural Economic and Area Development Initiative \(READI\) Application Training](#)**

January 24, 2017 - Chippewa Falls

January 31, 2017 - Madison, WI

**[Launching Your Food Truck Business Workshop](#)**

Eau Claire, WI

January 25, 2017

**[How to Do Business with the Government Workshop](#)**

Eau Claire, WI

January 25, 2017

**68th Annual Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors' Institute**

Wisconsin Dells, WI

January 25-27, 2017

**International Economic Development Council 2017 Fed Forum**

Washington, DC

January 27, 2017 (early registration savings)

April 9-11, 2017

**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

**UW Extension Cybersecurity Teleconference**

February 21, 2017

**CDBG-Public Facilities (PF) and Planning (PLNG) Projects Application Training Sessions - *SAVE THE DATE***

February 22, 2017 - Fitchburg, WI

March 1, 2017 - Wausau, WI

**Funding Opportunities: January 2017 - March 2017**

**Public Humanities Projects: Exhibitions and Historic Places Implementation and Planning Grants**

January 11, 2017 - National Endowment for the Humanities

**Skatepark Grants**

January 18, 2017 - Tony Hawk Foundation

**Safe Places to Play**

January 27, 2017 - US Soccer Foundation

3 cycles; for spring--Letter of Intent due 1/27/17 with application deadline 2/3/17; for summer--letter of intent due 5/26/17 with application deadline of 6/2/17; for fall--letter of intent due 9/29/17 with application due 10/6/17

**Captain Planet Foundation Grants**

January 31, 2017

**Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program**

January 31, 2017 - National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

**2017 Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program**

February 1, 2017 - US Endowment for Forestry and Communities

**National Trust Preservation Funds**

February 1, 2017 - National Trust for Historic Preservation

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

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

Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

**River and Lake Protection Management Grants**

February 1, 2017 - Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

**Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) Program**

February 1, 2017 - Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism

**Aquatic Invasive Species Established Population Control**

February 1, 2017 - Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

**Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act**

February 1, 2017 - Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

**Recreational Boating Facilities Grants**

February 1, 2017 - Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

**Wisconsin State Horse Council Trail Grants**

February 1, 2017

**Wisconsin Humanities Council Mini Grants**

February 1, 2017

**Homeownership Counseling Grant Program**

February 1, 2017 - Wells Fargo

**American Honda Foundation**

February 1, 2017 (New Organizations)

**Grassroots Organizing for Social Change Program**

February 1, 2017 (Pre-application deadline) - Ben & Jerry's Foundation

**Freight Railroad Preservation Program (FRPP)**

February 1, 2017 - Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation

**Creative Communities Grants – Phase 1**

February 3, 2017 - Wisconsin Arts Board

**U.S. Soccer Foundation Safe Places to Play Grants**

February 3, 2017

**Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants**

February 9, 2017

**Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)**

February 15, 2017 - Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation

**National Trails Fund**

February 17, 2017 – American Hiking Society

**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

**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

**Rural Energy for America (REAP)**

March 31, 2017 – US Dept. of Agriculture

**Rural Business Development Grants**

March 31, 2017 – US Dept. of Agriculture

*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 and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program**

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**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

**RGK Foundation** - Education, community, health and medicine

**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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