Upcoming Events: January - February 2019

**Annual Meeting** - Dunn County Economic Development Corporation  
Menomonie, WI  
January 23, 2019

**70th Annual Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors’ Institute**  
Wisconsin Dells, WI  
January 23-25, 2019

**25th Annual Chippewa Valley Rally**  
Madison, WI  
January 30, 2019

**Wisconsin Counties Association Annual Legislative Exchange**  
Madison, WI  
February 5-6, 2019

**24th Annual Wetland Science Conference** - Wisconsin Wetlands Association  
Madison, WI  
February 19-21, 2019

**American Water Resources Association - Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting**  
Delevan, WI  
February 28 - March 1, 2019
Funding Opportunities: January - March 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

**Public Humanities Projects: Exhibitions and Historic Places Implementation and Planning Grants**
January 9, 2019 – National Endowment for the Humanities

**Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans**
January 10, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

**Skatepark Grants**
January 14, 2019 – Tony Hawk Foundation

**Captain Planet Foundation Grants**
January 16, 2019

**Creative Communities Grants – Phase 1**
January 17, 2019 – Wisconsin Arts Board

**People for Bikes Community Grants** (spring cycle)
January 18, 2019 (letter of interest); April 5, 2019 (full applications)

**2019 Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity**
January 23, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

**Safe Places to Play** (Spring Cycle)
January 25, 2019 (letter of intent – with application deadline 2/1/19) – US Soccer Foundation

**2019 Brownfields Grant** **JUST ADDED**
January 31, 2019 – US Environmental Protection Agency

**Resources Boat Enforcement Patrol Grants**
January 31, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
FY2018 Pre-Disaster Mitigation
January 31, 2019 – Federal Emergency Management Administration

FY2018 Flood Mitigation Assistance
January 31, 2019 – Federal Emergency Management Administration

Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program
January 31, 2019 – National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

Homeownership Counseling Grant Program  JUST ADDED
February 1-28, 2019 – Wells Fargo

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Grants  JUST ADDED
February 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Healthy Lakes Grants
February 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

National Trust Preservation Funds
February 1, 2019 – National Trust for Historic Preservation

River and Lake Protection Management Grants
February 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) Program
February 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Established Population Control
February 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act
February 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Recreational Boating Facilities Grants
February 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Wisconsin Humanities Council Mini Grants
February 1, 2019

American Honda Foundation
February 1, 2019 (New Organizations)

Donor-Advised Conservation Grants
February 1, 2019 – Natural Resources Foundation

Safe Places to Play Grants
February 8, 2019 – US Soccer Foundation

Specialty Crop Block Grant  JUST ADDED
February 15, 2019 – Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

Shooting Range Grant Program (PUBLIC)
February 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Environmental Justice Small Grants Program
February 15, 2019 – US Environmental Protection Agency

February 22, 2019 – US Fish & Wildlife Service
Creative Communities Grants – Phase 2
February 28, 2019 – Wisconsin Arts Board

Access Fund Climbing Preservation Grant Program
March 1, 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
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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