EVENTS & FUNDING

Upcoming Events: July - August 2019

**Impact Through Redevelopment** - Wisconsin Economic Development Association
July 17, 2019
Milwaukee, WI

**Mid-America Economic Development Council 2019 Best Practices Conference**
July 17-19, 2019
Milwaukee, WI

**2019 Momentum West Housing Conference**
August 15, 2019
Rice Lake, WI

Funding Opportunities: July - September 2019

**North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Standard Grants**
July 3, 2019 – US Fish and Wildlife

**Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Program**
July 5, 2019 – US Environmental Protection Agency
Art Works
July 11, 2019 – National Endowment for the Arts

Assistance for Local Emergency Response Training Grants JUST ADDED
July 12, 2019 – US Department of Transportation

ReConnect Rural Broadband Program (Low-Interest Loans)
July 12, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Wisconsin Federal Lands Access Program
July 15, 2019 to October 15, 2019 – Federal Highway Administration

FY 2019 National Infrastructure Investments
July 15, 2019 – US Dept. of Transportation

Veteran Housing Grants
July 22, 2019 – The Home Depot

Virtual Business Center JUST ADDED
July 26, 2019 – US Dept. of Commerce

People for Bikes Community Grants – Fall Cycle
July 26, 2019 (letter of interest due); October 18, 2019 (full applications)

Access Fund Climbing Preservation Grant Program
August 1, 2019

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

Meetings Mean Business! Grants Program
August 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism

American Honda Foundation
August 1, 2019 (New Organizations)

Wisconsin Humanities Council Mini Grants
August 1, 2019

Snowmobile Trail Aids
August 1, 2019 (supplemental maintenance) – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Community Impact Grants Program (rolling application process)
August 1, 2019 – Home Depot

Our Town Grants
August 8, 2019 – National Endowment for the Arts

Public Humanities Project
August 14, 2019 – National Endowment for the Humanities

Notice of Discharge Grants
August 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Wisconsin Humanities Council Major Grants
August 15, 2019

Enabling Federal Technology Transfer Program JUST ADDED
August 16, 2019 – US Dept. of Commerce
The following state/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

**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

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

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

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