EVENTS & FUNDING

Upcoming Events: June - July 2019

- **National Regional Transportation Conference** - National Association of Development Organizations
  - June 17-19, 2019
  - Columbus, Ohio

- **Development Agreement Fundamentals Webinar** - Wisconsin Economic Development Association
  - June 25, 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

Funding Opportunities: June - August 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

Rural Cooperative Development Grant
June 3, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) Program
June 5, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Grants
June 7, 2019 – US Dept. of Health and Human Services

FY20 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants
June 10, 2019 – US Environmental Protection Agency

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants Program
June 10, 2019 - US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development

Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant
June 10, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

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

FY2019 Cooperating Technical Partners Program  JUST ADDED
June 18, 2019 – US Dept. of Homeland Security

Farmers Market Promotion Program
June 18, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Local Food Promotion Program
June 18, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Innovative Manufacturing Technologies   JUST ADDED
Concept Papers due June 20, 2019 - US Dept. of Energy

Regional Organization Challenge Campaign
June 21, 2019 – SolSmart

ReConnect Rural Broadband Program  (Loan/Grant Combination)
June 21, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Assistance to High Energy Cost Communities
June 24, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture
Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation Systems
June 25, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Quadratec Energize the Environment Grant
June 30, 2019 – Quadratec

Clean Water Fund Program
June 30, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Safe Drinking Water Loan Program
June 30, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program
June 30, 2019

Homeownership Counseling Grant Program
July 1 – 30, 2019 (submission period) – Wells Fargo

Basic Recycling Grants to Responsible Units (applications accepted July thru October)
July 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Recycling Consolidation Grant (applications accepted July thru October)
July 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Forest Fire Protection Grant
July 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Tourist Information Center (TIC) Grant Program
July 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism

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

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

Wisconsin Federal Lands Access Program  JUST ADDED
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

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  

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative – Education and Workforce Development  
August 22, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture  

FY19 Advanced Manufacturing Office Multi-Topic FOA  
August 29, 2019 – US Dept. of Energy  

Patagonia Corporation and Media Grants Programs  
August 31, 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
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### 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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