COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE!

These days many people have their minds on projects that will help make their communities stronger. The Community Development Block Grant-Public Facilities (CDBG-PF) and Community Development Block Grant-Planning (CDBG-PLNG) programs, administered through the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA), are excellent resources to help local Projects become a reality.

The CDBG-PF program provides federally-funded grants to help communities expand or upgrade infrastructure (e.g. water, sanitary sewer, storm drainage systems, street improvements), as well as carry out facility projects (e.g. libraries, community centers, senior centers, fire stations). Grants of up to $1 million are available, subject to a 2:1 grantee match (i.e. maximum $2 in CDBG dollars for every $1 of grantee funds). The program is competitive and applications are due May 17, 2019.

The CDBG-PLNG program assists communities with their planning and strategic development activities through federal grants that help fund a wide variety of plans and studies, such as comprehensive plans, site-specific plans, or housing studies, among others. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis. Grants of up to $50,000 are available, again subject to a 2:1 grantee match.
DOA accepts applications from units of general local government (County, City, Village or Town) with a population less than 50,000 and that meet one of three CDBG national objectives: 1) Benefit to Low-and-Moderate Income (LMI) persons; 2) Prevention or Elimination of Slum & Blight; or 3) Urgent Local Need (for CDBG-PF applications only). Applications for both the CDBG-PF and CDBG-PLNG programs are available online at the DOA website (click here).

To meet the LMI objective, at least 51% of residents must be LMI or the project must provide services to a group of persons principally made up of LMI individuals. A list of qualifying communities by county can be accessed here. Please note that there have been a number of changes to this list due to recently-released data from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, so please review this information carefully. You may also become eligible by conducting a community or neighborhood survey.

For more information, please contact Craig Johnson at the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission at 715-836-2918 ext. 21 or by e-mail.

EVENTS & FUNDING MARCH 2019

Upcoming Events: March - April 2019

March 5, 2019 - Whitewater, WI
March 7, 2019 - Fond du Lac, WI
March 12, 2019 - Camp Douglas, WI
March 13, 2019 - River Falls, WI
March 19, 2019 - Wausau, WI
March 20, 2019 - Green Bay, WI
March 27, 2019 - Madison, WI
March 28, 2019 - Kenosha, WI

Red Cedar Watershed Conference - Tainter Menomin Lake Improvement Association
Menomonie, WI
March 14, 2019

2019 WEDA Legislative Day - Wisconsin Economic Development Association
Madison, WI
March 20, 2019
Funding Opportunities: March - May 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

**2019 Ag Enterprise Areas**
Petitions may require months to prepare – Petition deadline 6/21/2019
Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

**Clean Diesel National Grants**
March 6, 2019 – US Environmental Protection Agency

**2019 Habitat Restoration Grant**
March 15, 2019 – Tropical Wings, Inc.

**Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin** JUST ADDED
March 20, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection

**Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants** JUST ADDED
March 22, 2019 - Federal Emergency Disaster Administration

**Emergency Shelter Grant/Transitional Housing Program/Homelessness Prevention Program** JUST ADDED
March 22, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Administration
Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) Program  JUST ADDED
March 29, 2019 - US Dept. of Agriculture

Veteran Housing Grants
April 1, 2019 – Home Depot Foundation

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

Joint Efforts Marketing (JEM) Grants
April 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism

Ready, Set, Go! Grants
April 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism

Rural Energy for America
April 1, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Baseball Tomorrow Fund
April 1, 2019 – MLB Community.org

Regional Innovation Strategies  JUST ADDED
April 4, 2019 – Economic Development Administration

Rural Economic Development Innovation (REDI) Initiative  JUST ADDED
April 5, 2019 - US Dept. of Agriculture

Challenge America
April 11, 2019 – National Endowment for the Arts

Connect Communities
April 12, 2019 – Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS)  JUST ADDED
April 15, 2019 – Administration for Children and Families

Community Connect Grants Program  JUST ADDED
April 15, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

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

Wisconsin Humanities Council Major Grants
April 15, 2019

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) Trail Aids
April 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Snowmobile Trail Aids
April 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Motorized Stewardship Grants
April 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects for FY 2019
April 24, 2019 – Bureau of Reclamation

The Lawrence Foundation
April 30, 2019
Patagonia Corporate and Media Grants Programs
April 30, 2019

Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks
May 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Land and Water Conservation Fund
May 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Recreational Trails Program
May 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Urban Green Space
May 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Urban Rivers Grant
May 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Fund for Wild Nature
May 1, 2019

Wisconsin Humanities Council Mini Grants
May 1, 2019

Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants
May 15, 2019 - National Endowment for the Humanities

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities Program
May 17, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

Safe Places to Play (Summer Cycle)
May 24, 2019 (letter of intent – with application deadline 5/31/19) – US Soccer Foundation

ReConnect Rural Broadband Program
May 31, 2019 – 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

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

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

For more information, visit our [website](#), or please contact:

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