



West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Serving the counties of Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Polk, and St. Croix

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

State of Wisconsin Hazardous Materials Awareness & Waste Disposal Training -

Veolia North America

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

Momentum West Annual Meeting

March 20, 2019

West Central Regional Legislative Meeting - Wisconsin Counties Association

Eau Claire, WI

March 21, 2019

2019 Wisconsin Rural Summit

April 24-25, 2019 - Wisconsin Rural Partners

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



**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

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

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