



West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

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

EDA Economic Development and Disaster Recovery Funding Available

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has released a Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for projects in counties that are under a Presidential declaration of a major disaster. In West Central Wisconsin, **Barron**, **Polk** and **Clark** Counties have received this designation based on severe storms and flooding that occurred in 2019. The purpose of the program is to help communities devise and implement economic strategies that will allow them to recover from disasters and/or withstand the effects of potential future disasters.

The program is flexible, and it provides another financing tool for EDA's economic development programming, while creating a nexus to disasters. Examples of the many types of projects that could be funded include the development of business incubators or the installation of infrastructure (e.g. sewer, water, roads) that support major businesses and industry. Proposals could also include non-construction projects, such as studies that will help a community identify ways to grow its economy while simultaneously becoming more resilient in the wake of a disaster.

This opportunity provides the possibility for additional funding compared to EDA's traditional programs, which means communities may have a lower local match funding requirement. For more information, please [click here](#) to visit the website. Click on the "Related Documents" tab and scroll down to "FY19 EDA Disaster Supplemental NOFO - Published_FINAL.pdf" to access the NOFO. You can also contact Associate Planner [Craig Johnson](#) or 715-836-2918.

EVENTS & FUNDING

MARCH 2020

Upcoming Events: March - April 2020

Certified Sites Webinar - National Development Council

March 3, 2020

Mixed-Use Real Estate Finance Seminar - Wisconsin Economic Development Academy

March 10, 2020 - Milwaukee, WI

2020 Wisconsin Hazardous Materials Awareness & Waste Disposal Training -

Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

March 11, 2020 - Waukesha, WI

March 12, 2020 - Madison, WI

March 17, 2020 - Wausau, WI

March 18, 2020 - Green Bay, WI

March 24, 2020 - Camp Douglas, WI (no walk-ins)

March 25, 2020 - Eau Claire, WI

March 27, 2020 - Kenosha, WI

April 1, 2020 - Whitewater, WI

April 9, 2020 - Madison, WI

Momentum West Annual Meeting & Awards 2020

March 11, 2020 - Menomonie, WI

Community Marketing and Engagement Workshop - Wisconsin Main Street

March 11, 2020 - Lake Mills, WI

Red Cedar Watershed Conference - Tainter Menomine Lake Improvement Association

March 12, 2020 - Menomonie, WI

American Water Resources Association-Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting

March 12-13, 2020 - Wisconsin Dells, WI

2020 Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism

March 15-17, 2020 - Madison, WI

Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) of Wisconsin - Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

April 3, 2020 - Eau Claire, WI

Gravel Road Maintenance Workshop - UW-Madison Transportation Information Center

April 14, 2020 - Wittenburg, WI

April 15, 2020 - Rice Lake, WI

April 16, 2020 - Mauston, WI

Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism

March 15-17, 2020 - Madison, WI

Dunn County Economic Development Corporation Annual Meeting

April 22, 2020 - Menomonie, WI

Clark County Business to Business Expo/Career Fair and Annual Meeting

April 22, 2020 - Greenwood, WI

2020 Wisconsin Rural Summit - Wisconsin Rural Partners

April 22-23, 2020 - Marshfield, WI

Barron County Economic Development Corporation 2020 Business Awards Banquet

Call 715-637-6871

April 30, 2020 - Cumberland, WI

Wisconsin Counties Association West Central District Meeting

April 30, 2020- Eau Claire, WI

Funding Opportunities: March - May 2020

Creative Communities Grants – Phase 2

March 5, 2020 – Wisconsin Arts Board

Value-Added Producer Grants

March 5, 2020 (online application); March 10, 2020 (paper application) – US Dept. of Agriculture

FY 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grants **JUST ADDED**

March 13, 2020 - Federal Emergency Management Agency

Municipal Flood Control Grants

March 16, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Broadband ReConnect Program

March 16, 2020 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Agriculture Innovation Demonstration Center Grants

March 20, 2020 – US Dept. of Agriculture

2020 Build To Scale Program - Concept Proposal **JUST ADDED**

March 24, 2020 – Economic Development Administration

Environmental Literacy Grants: Supporting the Education of K-12 Students and the Public for Community Resilience

March 26, 2020 – US Dept. of Commerce

Veteran Housing Grants

March 27, 2020 – Home Depot Foundation

Specialty Crop Block Grant

March 30, 2020 – Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

Rural Business Development Grants

March 31, 2020 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Go Outside Fund

March 31, 2020 – Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin

Rural Energy for America Program Grants

March 31, 2020 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Water and Waste Disposal Revolving Loan Fund Grants JUST ADDED

March 31, 2020 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Industry Sectors Worker Training Grants JUST ADDED

March 31, 2020 - Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development

AARP Community Challenge 2020 JUST ADDED

April 1, 2020 – American Association of Retired Persons

Norma and Stanley DeBoer Quiet Trails Fund

April 1, 2020 – Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin

Meetings Mean Business! Grants Program

April 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism

Joint Efforts Marketing (JEM) Grants

April 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism

Ready, Set, Go! Grants

April 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism

Challenge America

April 9, 2020 – National Endowment for the Arts

Notice of Discharge Grants

April 15, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Wisconsin Humanities Council Major Grants

April 15, 2020

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) Trail Aids

April 15, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Snowmobile Trail Aids

April 15, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Motorized Stewardship Grants

April 15, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Targeted Runoff Management Program

April 15, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management Grant Program

April 15, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Technical Education Equipment Grant Program JUST ADDED

April 17, 2020 - Wisconsin Fast Forward Grants

The Lawrence Foundation

April 30, 2020

Patagonia Corporate and Media Grants Programs

April 30, 2020

Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks

May 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Land and Water Conservation Fund

May 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Recreational Trails Program

May 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Urban Green Space

May 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Urban Rivers Grant

May 1, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Fund for Wild Nature

May 1, 2020

Wisconsin Humanities Council Mini Grants

May 1, 2020

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities Program

May 14, 2020 – Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants

May 15, 2020 - National Endowment for the Humanities

FY 2020 National Infrastructure Investments

May 18, 2020 – US Dept. of Transportation

FY2020 FY2021 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase II Request for Applications

May 27, 2020 – US Dept. of Agriculture

The following state or 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

Community Development Block Grant-Emergency Assistance Program

Varies - Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

Emergency Watershed Protection-Floodplain Easement

Contact local Natural Resources Conservation Service field office

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 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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