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West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Do you have commercial lending experience? Have you considered working for a fun and energetic organization that assists start-up companies and existing businesses in achieving their dreams? Would you like a family friendly flexible schedule with a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package? The Lending Specialist position for the Regional Business Fund may be exactly what you are looking for! Not for you? How about someone you know? Please help us locate the perfect person for our open position. Click [here](#) for additional information and please share with anyone who may be interested.

DISASTER RECOVERY LOANS FOR BUSINESSES

The West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is in the process of securing funds to provide disaster recovery loans to businesses. The loans will be for up to \$15,000 at a 0% fixed interest rate. Pay back is over a 24 month period, with payment deferred during the first six months. To be eligible the

business must be located within the seven-county region (Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Polk, or St. Croix County), have suffered measurable physical or economic losses because of a disaster event, and attest to intent to resume business operation in the community as quickly as possible. Eligible activities include procurement of cleanup and restoration services; operating expenses such as payroll; rent/mortgage for temporary space; repairs; and reconstruction. If you know of anyone who could use these funds please email [Tobi LeMahieu](mailto:Tobi_LeMahieu) or call 715-836-2918. Additional information can be found [here](#).

EVENTS & FUNDING

MAY 2019

Upcoming Events: May - June 2019

Town Officials Workshops - Wisconsin Towns Association

May 7, 2019 - Barneveld, WI
May 8, 2019 - Green Bay, WI
May 9, 2019 - Madison, WI
May 14, 2019 - Minocqua, WI
May 15, 2019 - Stevens Point, WI
May 16, 2019 - Tomah, WI
May 21, 2019 - Rice Lake, WI
May 22, 2019 - Cable, WI
May 23, 2019 - Eau Claire, WI

Clark County Economic Development Corporation & Tourism Bureau Annual Meeting and Business to Business Expo/Career Fair

May 8, 2019 - For reservations call 715-255-9100
Greenwood, WI

Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation Annual Meeting

May 10, 2019
Eau Claire, WI

2019 Local Government 101 - League of Wisconsin Municipalities

May 10, 2019 - Pewaukee, WI
May 17, 2019 - Eau Claire, WI
May 31, 2019 - Madison, WI
June 21, 2019 - Appleton, WI
June 28, 2019 - Ashland, WI
September 13, 2019 - Waupaca, WI

Community Reinvestment Act Network Luncheon - Wisconsin Economic Development

Association

May 15, 2019

Menomonie, WI

Spring Regional Meeting - Wisconsin Land Information Association

May 30-31, 2019

Eau Claire, WI

National Regional Transportation Conference

June 17-19, 2019

Columbus, Ohio

Funding Opportunities: May - July 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

Safety - It's Worth The Energy **JUST ADDED**

Apply May 1-June 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Public Service Commission

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Implementation

May 6, 2019 – US Dept. of Health and Human Services

FY19 Opioid Affected Youth Initiative

May 7, 2019 – Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

Advancing Sustainable Materials Management **JUST ADDED**

May 10, 2019 – US Environmental Protection Agency

Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program

May 15, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants

May 15, 2019 – National Endowment for the Humanities

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program JUST ADDED

May 16, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

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 interest– with application deadline 5/31/19) – US Soccer Foundation

Water & Waste Disposal Revolving Loan Funds JUST ADDED

May 27, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

ReConnect Rural Broadband Program (Grants)

May 31, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

National Trust Preservation Funds

June 1, 2019 – National Trust for Historic Preservation

Rental Housing Development (RHD)

June 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

Rural Cooperative Development Grant JUST ADDED

June 3, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) Program JUST ADDED

June 5, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Grants JUST ADDED

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 JUST ADDED

June 10, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Notice of Discharge Grants

June 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Farmers Market Promotion Program JUST ADDED

June 18, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Local Food Promotion Program

June 18, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Regional Organization Challenge Campaign JUST ADDED

June 21, 2019 – SolSmart

ReConnect Rural Broadband Program (Loan/Grant Combination) JUST ADDED

June 21, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation Systems

June 25, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Quadratrac Energize the Environment Grant

June 30, 2019 – Quadratrac

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

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)

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

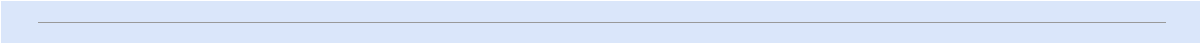
USDOT Bus and Bus Related Equipment and Facilities Program

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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