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 or call 715-836-2918. Additional information can be found here.

EVENTS & FUNDING

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
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

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
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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