JOIN US FOR A FREE VIRTUAL BROWN BAG PRESENTATION ON
Community Housing Studies

West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission will be hosting a virtual brown bag luncheon webinar exploring community-wide housing studies and needs assessments.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019
12:00 – 1:00 pm

The session is free, but you are asked to register by Friday, September 20, 2019. For more information and to register, click here. Learn about why your community might want to conduct a housing study and how it might help you in looking at ways to address needs.

Upcoming Events: September - October 2019

Local Foods, Local Places Technical Assistance Webinar
September 4, 2019

Town and Village Workshops - Wisconsin Towns Association
September 9, 2019 - Wabeno, WI
September 10, 2019 - Stevens Point, WI
September 11, 2019 - De Pere, WI
September 16, 2019 - Cable, WI
September 17, 2019 - Minocqua, WI
September 18, 2019 - Ripon, WI
September 25, 2019 - Barneveld, WI
September 26, 2019 - Eau Claire, WI
September 27, 2019 - Tomah, WI

**2019 Small Community Forums** - Wisconsin Rural Partners
September 11, 2019 - Nekoosa, WI

**Four Points Best Practices Workshop** - Wisconsin Main Street
September 17-18, 2019

**Wisconsin Counties Association 2019 Annual Conference**
September 22-24, 2019
Wisconsin Dells, WI

**Fostering Entrepreneurial Food and Agriculture Enterprises Workshop** - Wisconsin Economic Development Academy
October 2, 2019 - Stevens Point, WI

**2019 American Planning Association Upper Midwest Planning Conference**
October 2-4, 2019 - Eau Claire, WI

**Wisconsin Economic Development Association Fall Conference**
October 2-4, 2019 - Stevens Point, WI

**International Economic Development Council 2019 Annual Conference**
October 13-16, 2019 - Indianapolis, IN

**2019 Wisconsin Towns Association Annual Convention**
October 13-15, 2019 - Wisconsin Dells, WI

**2019 Downtown Summit** - Wisconsin Downtown Action Council
October 15-16, 2019 - Green Bay, WI

**Wisconsin League of Municipalities Annual Conference**
October 23-25, 2019 - Green Bay, WI

**Governor’s Conference on Diverse Business Development** - Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation
October 23-24, 2019 - Milwaukee, WI

**Wisconsin Land Information Association 2019 Fall Regional Meeting**
October 24-25, 2019 - Bayfield, WI

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**Funding Opportunities: September - November 2019**

**Community Development Block Grant-Emergency Assistance Program**  **JUST ADDED**
Varies - Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

**Emergency Watershed Protection-Floodplain Easement**  **JUST ADDED**
Contact local Natural Resources Conservation Service field office

**Safe Places to Play** (fall cycle) - Letter of interest due 9/3/19, letter of intent due 9/27/19, application due 10/4/19 - US Soccer Foundation

**Rural Community Outreach Program**
September 13, 2019 – Foundation for Rural Service
Urban Forestry Catastrophic Storm Grants  JUST ADDED
September 16, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

FY19 Brownfields Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grant  JUST ADDED
September 20, 2019 – US Environmental Protection Agency

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)  JUST ADDED
September 20, 2019 – US Dept. of Commerce

Community Innovation Grant  JUST ADDED
September 24, 2019 – Headwaters Foundation for Justice

Apprenticeships: Closing the Skills Gap  JUST ADDED
September 24, 2019 – US Dept. of Labor

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative-Sustainable Agricultural Systems
September 26, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program
September 27, 2019 (preliminary proposals) – Institute of Museum and Library Services

National Leadership Grants for Libraries
September 27, 2019 (preliminary proposals) – Institute of Museum and Library Services

Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Fund Subgrants
September 27, 2019 (letter of intent) – Wisconsin Historical Society

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Farm Bill Broadband Loans & Loan Guarantees
September 30, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Local Foods, Local Places  JUST ADDED
September 30, 2019 – US Environmental Protection Agency

County Conservation Aids  JUST ADDED
October 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

National Trust Preservation Funds
October 1, 2019 – National Trust for Historic Preservation

Fund for Wild Nature
October 1, 2019

Urban Forestry Grant
October 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Recycling Consolidation Grant
October 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Basic Recycling Grants to Responsible Units (full funding)
October 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Research Grants in the Arts  JUST ADDED
October 3, 2019 - National Endowment for the Arts

Creation and Presentation Program Grants
October 10, 2019 – Wisconsin Arts Board
Rental Housing Development (RHD)
October 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Small Grants
October 17, 2019 – US Fish & Wildlife Service

FY20 and FY21 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase I RFA
October 23, 2019 – US Dept. of Agriculture

Climate Program Office 2020
October 28, 2019 – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The Lawrence Foundation  JUST ADDED
October 31, 2019

Safe Drinking Water Loan Program
October 31, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Clean Water Funds
October 31, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Environmental Remediation Tax Incremental Financing (ER TIF) Districts
October 31, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue

Local Road Improvement Program
November 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation

Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) Program
November 1, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism

Wisconsin Humanities Council Mini Grants
November 1, 2019

Historic Preservation Fund Subgrants for Certified Local Governments
November 9, 2019 (application) – Wisconsin Historical Society

Museums for America
November 15, 2019 – Institute of Museum and Library Services

Stewardship Property Development Grant
November 15, 2019 – Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

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

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

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:

- **Tobi LeMahieu**, Fund Manager
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