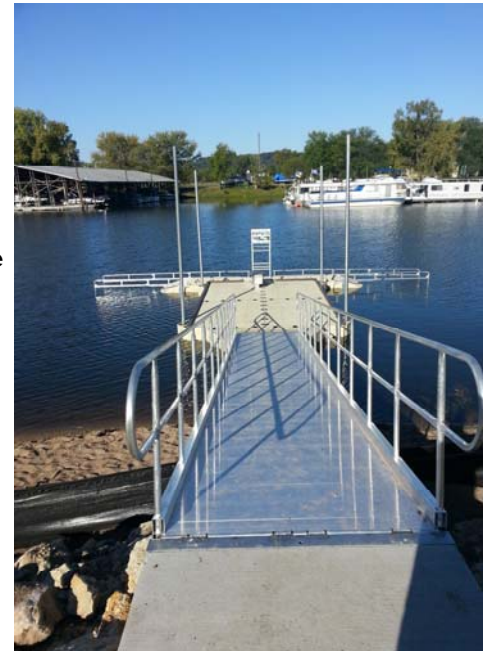


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## 2018 Public Funding Opportunities

1. **WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant - Deadline May 1, 2018**  
Maximum grant = \$250,000 (without Joint Commission approval). Requires 50% local match. The Stewardship Program includes: Aids for the Acquisition & Development of Local Parks (ADLP), Urban Rivers, Urban Green Space & Recreation Trails programs. Eligible projects: land acquisition, development of nature-based recreation facilities, recreation trails, development of support facilities such as access roads, parking, restrooms, signage, utility systems and lighting.
2. **WDNR Recreational Boating Facilities Grant – Deadline: February 1, 2018, June 1, 2018 & November 1, 2018**  
Maximum grants = Up to 50% of eligible costs. Largest grant in recent years = \$800,000. Eligible projects: navigational dredging, boat ramps, docks, access roads, parking, sanitary facilities, navigational aids and weed harvesting equipment.
3. **WDNR Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management Grant – Deadline April 15, 2018 (Construction Projects) and April 15, 2019 (Planning Projects)**  
Maximum construction grant = \$150,000 + \$50,000 for acquisition. Maximum planning grant = \$85,000. Eligible planning projects: urban storm water management plans, ordinance development, creation of storm water utilities & public information. Eligible construction projects: storm water BMPs, engineering, land acquisition, stream bank & shoreline stabilization.
4. **WDNR Municipal Flood Control Grant – Deadline March 15, 2018**  
Maximum grant = \$450,000. Requires 50% local match. Eligible projects: acquisition & demolition of structures in the floodplain, flood proofing and flood mitigation.
5. **Surface Water Grants**
  - a. **WDNR Lake Management Planning Grant (Large Scale) – Deadline December 10, 2018**  
Maximum grant = \$25,000 (\$50,000/year/lake) Requires 33% match. Eligible projects: watershed management plans, lake management plans, water quality monitoring and creation of lake protection districts.
  - b. **WDNR Lake Protection Grant – Deadline February 1, 2018**  
Maximum grant = \$200,000. Requires 25% local match. Eligible projects: Conservation easements, wetland & shoreland restoration, ordinance development, watershed management and lake restoration.
  - c. **WDNR River Planning Grant – Deadline December 10, 2018**  
Maximum grant = \$10,000. Requires 25% local match. Eligible projects: river management plans, public education, ordinance development and creation of river protection groups.
  - d. **WDNR River Protection Management Grant – Deadline February 1, 2018**  
Maximum grant = \$50,000. Requires 25% local match. Eligible projects: municipal storm water BMPs, ordinance development, in-stream and shoreline habitat and land acquisition.
6. **WDNR Safe Drinking Water Loan – Intent to Apply & PERF Deadline Oct. 31, 2017; Final Application Deadline June 30, 2018:** The final application includes plans & specifications; 20 years loans. Interest rates 1.073% to 3.25%. Eligible projects: Municipal water system improvements including wells, reservoirs, treatment and distribution. Hardship and Principal Forgiveness available.
7. **WDNR Clean Water Fund Loan – Intent to Apply & PERF Deadline Oct. 31, 2017, Final Application Deadlines for Hardship June 30, 2018 & Principal Forgiveness Sept. 30, 2018:** The final application includes plans & specifications. 20 years loans. Interest rates 2.275% to 3.25%. Eligible projects: municipal wastewater system improvements including WWTPs, lift stations and collection systems. Hardship and Principal Forgiveness available.



## 8. Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Programs

The WEDC has numerous funding programs to help promote business and community development. A priority for all of their programs is to fund projects that will result in job creation and/or retention. Following is a brief summary of some of their programs.

### a. Business Assistance

WEDC offers a wide range of business assistance programs including:

- Direct business loans
- Tax credits
- Employee training grants
- Industrial Revenue Bonds
- Export technical support

### b. Community Development

- **Brownfield Grants-No Deadline:** Grants for redeveloping commercial and industrial sites with environmental contamination.
- **Brownfield Site Assessment Grants-No Deadline:** Grants for environmental investigations, demolition of structures and tank removal.
- **Capacity Building Grants—No Deadline:** Grants to assist with economic competitiveness assessments, implementation of best practices, and comprehensive economic development strategies. Maximum grant = \$50,000. 50% local match required.
- **Capacity Building Grants-Entrepreneurial Support-Deadline: October 31, 2018:** Grants for nonprofit organizations to strengthen entrepreneurial communities and support new ventures through promotion of entrepreneurship. Grants generally range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. 50% local match required.
- **Community Development Investment Grants—No Deadline:** Grants to incentivize economic development programs with an emphasis on downtown revitalization. Maximum grant: \$250,000. 75% local match required.
- **Idle Industrial Sites Redevelopment Grants- Deadline November 1, 2016 & March 1, 2017 (Tentative)** Grants to stimulate redevelopment of idle, abandoned and underutilized industrial sites over 5 acres in size. Maximum grant: 30% of total project grants up to \$500,000. Eligible projects: demolition, environmental remediation, and site-specific improvements.



## 9. Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA)

The DOA administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Following is a brief summary:

- **CDBG-Public Facilities for Economic Development (CDBG-PFED) - No Deadline:** Grants to fund infrastructure which will result in new job creation. \$10,000 to \$20,000 of grant funds available per job up to \$500,000. Requires 50% local match.
- **CDBG-Public Facilities (CDBG-PF)- Deadline May 25, 2018:** Maximum grant: 50% grants up to \$500,000. Grants to install and/or replace municipal infrastructure. Eligible projects: streets, sanitary sewers systems, water systems, storm water systems, libraries, community and senior centers, fire stations, health clinics, sheltered workshops, acquisition, demolition and blight elimination.
- **CDBG-Planning— Deadline May 25, 2018:** Maximum grant: 50% grants up to \$15,000 to \$25,000. Eligible projects: assist communities develop clear and actionable strategies for addressing specific site, neighborhood or community development needs; or, to improve the quality of community or economic development projects. Typical projects include: economic development plans, downtown revitalization plans, neighborhood revitalization plans.
- **CDBG Rural Economic & Area Development Initiative (CDBG-READI) - No Deadline** READI grants will be awarded to local units of government, which will be passed on to a Community Development Organization (CDO). The CDO will award loans for economic development, or workforce housing projects. Grant awards will also be made for job training. The maximum grants are: \$500,000 for economic development grant, \$300,000 workforce housing and \$200,000 for training.

**10. WDOT STP Urban & Rural – Deadline July 10, 2019 (Odd years):**

80% funding for street improvements for local roadways classified as collectors or above.

**11. WDOT Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) – Deadline November 1, 2019 (Odd Years):**

50% funding for municipal street improvements for roadways classified as local roads. LRIP funding is limited. The Discretionary Program funds up to \$250,000 for counties, cities & villages. \$100,000 for towns.

**12. DOT Alternatives Program – Deadline Jan 29, 2018 (Even Years):**

This program was created by the new federal transportation bill (MAP 21). This program replaces the Transportation Enhancement, Recreational trails and Safe-Routes to Schools programs. 50% of the funds will be given to urban areas and 50% available for rural areas. 80% funding is available for eligible costs. The Alternatives program funds projects included in the previous programs that were replaced.

**13. WDOT Transportation Economic Assistance Grant – No Deadlines**

Maximum grant: \$5,000 per job created and \$1,250 per job retained, up to 50% of eligible project costs, maximum grant = \$1,000,000. Eligible projects: street improvements and rail spurs serving industrial development and other targeted employment sectors.



**14. USDA Rural Development Rural Utilities – No Deadlines**

Maximum loan: 100% of project cost.  
Maximum grant: 0% to 75% depending upon median household income. (Normal Grant 15% to 25%)  
Eligible communities: less than 10,000 population.  
Eligible projects: municipal drinking water system improvements, municipal wastewater system improvements and storm water systems.

**15. USDA Rural Dev. Community Facilities – No Deadlines**

Maximum loan: 100% of project.  
Maximum grant: limited grant funds available.  
Eligible communities: less than 20,000 population.  
Eligible projects: municipal buildings, fire stations, police stations, libraries and health clinics.



**16. U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) - No Deadline**

The EDA administers grant programs to promote economic growth and to assist economic disadvantaged communities. The standard grant awards are 50% of eligible project costs. However, communities may receive up to 80% grants to address a significant local economic development need.

The two primary programs administered by the EDA include:

- **Public Works and Economic Development Facilities.** This program provides grants to fund industrial park infrastructure and incubator facilities. The municipality is required to demonstrate they will create jobs and leverage private investment. The maximum grant is 50% of eligible costs, up to \$3 million.
- **Economic Adjustment Assistance.** This program provides planning grants to fund economic development plans and incubator feasibility studies. This program may also fund infrastructure improvements for industrial parks.



## 17. Tax Incremental Financing (TIF)

TIF is an important tool for municipalities to help fund their infrastructure and development projects. Following is a brief summary of the different types of Tax Increment Districts (TIDs):

### Industrial Development

- At least 50% of area must be zoned industrial
- Maximum life of district = 20 years + 3 year extension available
- Expenditure period = 15 years

### Blight Elimination

- At least 50% of area must be blighted
- Maximum life of district = 27 years + 3 year extension available
- Expenditure period = 22 years

### Rehabilitation or Conservation

- Maximum life of district = 27 years + 3 year extension available
- Expenditure period = 22 years

### Mixed-Use Development

- No more than 35% can be for newly platted residential
- Maximum life of district = 20 years + 3 year extension available
- Expenditure period = 15 years

### Workforce Housing

- 100% of TID must be newly platted workforce housing
- Housing costs cannot be more than 30% of median household income
- Construction costs may not exceed 80% of median price for new construction
- Maximum life of district = 15 years

### Environmental Remediation

- Requires a DNR approved remediation plan
- Maximum life of district = 23 years
- Expenditure period = 15 years

### Town TIDs

- Act 231: Tourism, Agriculture & Forestry TIDs
- Act 13: Towns with Cooperative Boundary Agreements
- Act 193: Provides certain Towns full TIF authority with minimum population & valuation requirements, plus sewer service agreement

### TIDs can be amended for the following purposes:

- Amend the Project Plan to add additional projects within the TID and within one-half mile radius.
- Amend the Boundary up to five times. Can also subtract territory from a TID
- Amend Project Plans to transfer funds between TIDs
- Adopt resolution to extend life of certain TIDs
- Adopt resolution to extend TIDs one additional year to fund affordable housing projects
- Amend Project Plans to extend up to three years for "Tech College Extension"

*Vierbicher has secured nearly \$100 million in grant funding and created over 125 tax increment districts.  
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