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2022 Public Funding Opportunities

- 1. WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant - Deadline May 1, 2022**
Maximum Grant: No maximum (additional review for grants that exceed \$250,000). Requires 50% local match. **The Stewardship Program:** Aids for the Acquisition & Development of Local Parks (ADLP), Urban Green Space (UGS), Urban Rivers (UR) and Acquisition of Development Rights (ADR). **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. Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) - Deadline May 1, 2022**
Maximum Grant: \$200,000 for 2021 grant cycle. Requires 50% local match. **Eligible Projects:** land acquisition; maintenance and restoration of existing trails; development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities, and development of new trails. Projects must further a specific goal, be included in the SCORP or a local Outdoor Recreation Plan.
- 3. WDNR Recreational Boating Facilities Grant - Deadlines: November 1, 2021, February 1, 2022, June 1, 2022**
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.
- 4. Federal Land & Water Conservations Fund (LWCF) Deadline May 1, 2022**
Maximum Grant: No maximum. Requires 50% local match. **Eligible Projects:** Land acquisition; and/or development of outdoor recreation facilities including nature-based and active sports facilities. Projects must be consistent with SCORP and Local Outdoor Recreation Plan.
- 5. WDNR Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management Grant - Deadline: April 15, 2023 (Planning Projects), and May 15, 2022 (Construction Projects).**
Maximum Planning Grant: \$85,000. **Eligible Planning Projects:** Urban storm water management plans, ordinance development and creation of storm water utilities & public information. **Maximum Construction Grant:** \$150,000 + \$50,000 for acquisition. **Eligible Construction Projects:** storm water BMPs, engineering, land acquisition, stream bank & shoreline stabilization.
- 6. WDNR Municipal Flood Control Grant - Deadline March 15, 2022**
Maximum Grant: \$450,000. Requires 50% local match. **Eligible Projects:** acquisition & demolition of structures in the floodplain, flood proofing and flood mitigation.
- 7. WDNR Safe Drinking Water Loan - Intent to Apply & PERF Deadline October 31, 2021 for SFY 2023; Final Application Deadline June 30, 2022:** The final application includes plans & specifications; 20 year loans. Interest rates 1.056% to 3.20%. **Eligible Projects:** Municipal water system improvements including wells, reservoirs, treatment and distribution. Hardship Grants and Principal Forgiveness available.
- 8. WDNR Clean Water Fund Loan - Intent to Apply & PERF Deadline October 31, 2021 for SFY 2023, Final Application Deadlines for Hardship June 30, 2022, Principal Forgiveness September 30, 2021 :** The final application includes plans & specifications. 20 year loans. Interest rates 1.056% to 3.20%. **Eligible Projects:** municipal wastewater system improvements including WWTPs, lift stations and collection systems. Hardship Grants and Principal Forgiveness available.
- 9. WDNR Surface Water Grants - Pre-proposal deadline September 2, 2021 and application due November 1, 2021.** Eligible projects include education & planning; AIS prevention & management; surface water restoration & management; and county & tribal projects. Grants from \$5,000 to \$50,000 and 67% to 75% of project costs.



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10. 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.
- **Main Street Bounceback Grant**—For vacant properties in downtowns and commercial corridors. \$10,000 grants for new or existing businesses and non-profits to move into vacant commercial space between **1/1/21 and 6/1/22**
- **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: No Deadline:** 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. 25% local match required. 50% local match for projects in distressed communities and opportunity zones.
- **Idle Industrial Sites Redevelopment Grants - Deadline: No Deadline.** 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. Local match may include acquisition.

11. 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 \$750,000. Requires 50% local match.
- **CDBG-Public Facilities (CDBG-PF) - Deadline May 12, 2022: Maximum Grant:** 67% grants up to \$1,000,000. Grants to install and/or replace municipal infrastructure. **Eligible Projects:** streets, sanitary sewer systems, water systems, storm water systems, libraries, community and senior centers, fire stations, health clinics, sheltered workshops, acquisition, demolition and blight elimination.
- **CDBG-Planning - No Deadline: Maximum Grant:** 67% grants up to \$50,000. **Eligible Projects:** assist communities to 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, and neighborhood revitalization plans.
- **CDBG-EAP — Emergency Assistance Program** — Funds are used to assist local units of government in addressing emergency housing, public facility, infrastructure, and business assistance needs that occur as a result of a natural or manmade disaster. Assistance may include: housing rehab, acquisition/demolition, housing replacement, road repairs, storm water drainage and public facilities. Must submit a notice of intent to apply within 90 days of the disaster event.
- **CDBG-DR—Disaster Recovery Program**—Grant funds to assist communities who lost housing in the 2018 flood. 100% allocated to Dane and Vernon Counties. Priority projects include creating new residential units. Round 2 application deadline: November 19, 2021.

12. WDOT STP Urban & Rural – Deadline October 15, 2021 (Odd years)
80% funding for street improvements for local roadways classified as collectors or above.

13. WDOT Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) - Deadline October 1, 2021 (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.

14. WDOT Transportation Alternatives Program - Deadline: January 2022
This program was created by the new federal transportation bill (FAST Act) and 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.

15. WDOT Transportation Economic Assistance Grant - No Deadlines
Maximum Grant: \$5,000 per job created, up to 50% of eligible project costs, maximum grant = \$1,000,000. **Eligible Projects:** street improvements and rail spurs serving primarily industrial development.

16. 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 20% to 40%).
Eligible Communities: less than 10,000 population.
Eligible Projects: municipal drinking water system improvements, municipal wastewater system improvements and storm water systems.

17. USDA Rural Development 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.

18. 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 need. The two primary EDA programs include:

- **Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs**
 - **Investments for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities.** This program provides 50% grants up to \$3M to fund industrial park infrastructure and incubator facilities. The municipality is required to demonstrate they will create jobs and leverage private investment.
 - **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.
- **ARPA (EDA-2021-ARPAEAA)** This provides financial assistance for projects that support construction, non-construction projects that cost between \$500,000 and \$5,000,000. It supports economic development recovery strategies that advance economic prosperity in regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

19. AARP Community Challenge Grant—Deadline: March 31, 2022. Maximum Grant varies.
Eligible projects: Create vibrant public places, deliver a range of transportation & mobility options, encourage the availability of a range of housing, increase civic engagement, other.



20. 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

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 four times. Can also subtract territory from a TID
- Amend Project Plans to transfer funds between 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 over \$120 million in grant funding and created/amended over 235 tax increment districts.

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