

December Special Edition

Information that can't wait
for the January 2018 edition of The Northern Connection!

Broadband Expansion Grants Due January 25, 2018

This round of Broadband Expansion Grants will incorporate changes adopted in the recent state budget, Act 59. The Wisconsin Public Service Commission held a webinar to discuss those changes. A link to a recording of the webinar and PowerPoint slides is posted at <https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/BroadbandGrants.aspx>

Tourism Grants Training Coming Soon

You are invited to join a webinar which will provide tourism industry partners with an overview of the Wisconsin Department of Tourism's Grant Programs. Grant Coordinator Heidi Schultz will host the webinar highlighting the four different grant programs the Department offers. Learn the rules and guidelines of the Joint Effort Marketing (JEM), Tourist Information Center (TIC), Ready, Set, Go! (RSG), Meetings Mean Business (MMB) grants, and learn how to use the online application portal.

Bring your questions to be answered at one of two possible one-hour grant program overview webinars:

- Wednesday, December 13th, 1:30–2:30 PM
- Friday, December 15th, 10:00–11:00 AM

Please RSVP to hschultz@travelwisconsin.com if you are able to participate in a webinar. Call-in instructions and the webinar link will be shared with you prior to the webinar. Please make sure to include the email address that you will use to participate in the webinar when you RSVP.

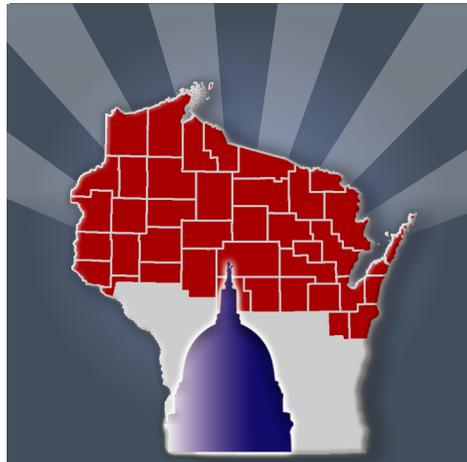
Attention Northern Wisconsin Entrepreneurs

Do you need some early-stage feedback to move from idea to reality? Business plan education? A mentor to advise you on jumping through hoops? Cash? Access all of the above by entering the Governor's Business Plan Contest at <http://govsbizplancontest.com>. **The Phase 1 idea abstract submission is due by 5 p.m. CST on January 31, 2018.** Give it a try—you've got northern to lose!

DNR Community Grants Due May 1st – Start Planning Now!

Every year, May 1st is the deadline for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Grant Program. A request for proposals will be issued in late January, 2018, but you can start now to learn about the program and consider how it may assist with a community project.

Funds can be used for local park development, trails, habitat development, streambank protection and more. Local units of government and non-profit conservation organizations are eligible to apply. Check it out at dnr.wi.gov/topic/Stewardship/Grants.



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The Northern Office serves as a connection point between communities in Northern Wisconsin and the resources of state government. If you are looking for information, have a suggestion, or need assistance with problem resolution with a state agency, please contact us. We travel throughout the 40 county region north of U.S. Highway 10 and can be available, with 3 to 4 weeks notice, to attend your meetings and events. Keep in touch!

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