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The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) is seeking proposals to enhance, preserve, protect and restore resources within the state's coastal zone—all counties adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan, with their nearly 1000 miles of shoreline. We anticipate awarding approximately \$1.5 million in grant funding.

WCMP grants are available for coastal wetland protection and habitat restoration, nonpoint source pollution control, coastal resource and community planning, Great Lakes education, public access and historic preservation. Applications are due November 3, 2014.

Applicants are encouraged to contact WCMP staff early to discuss ideas for project proposals and application requirements. When developing proposals, please pay close attention to the following items:

Application materials and the Request for Proposals are available on the WCMP website at <http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>.

There is a cost-share requirement for all projects. Matching funds must be from non-federal sources, and may be in the form of in-kind contributions.

For habitat restoration and construction projects, be sure to include copies of all required permits or permit applications and title documentation with the application materials.

For all projects, be sure to include copies of required documentation and letters of support.

We have scheduled three informational workshops to discuss the grant application process and funding priorities. We look forward to seeing you at one of these workshops. The meeting dates and locations are as follows:

- Thursday, August 28, 2014, 1:30 p.m.
Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center
29270 County Highway G, Ashland
- Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 1:30 p.m.
Bay Lake Regional Planning Commission
439 South Jackson Street, Green Bay
- Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 1:30 p.m.
Port of Milwaukee
2323 S. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee

If you have questions, please call WCMP at (608) 267-7982.

Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services Funding

The Department of Homeland Security administers the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) program. The AFG Program consists of three different funding opportunities. Information including program guidance documents, frequently asked questions, and the link to the applications can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants>.

Assistance to Firefighter Grant

This grant opportunity offers fire departments and non-affiliated Emergency Medical Service providers the chance to submit three grant applications. All three applications are due at the same time. The match for this grant is between 5% and 20% depending on your jurisdiction size. The maximum amount an applicant can apply for is \$1 million. *The 2014 application period is estimated to be open during October.*

- Operations and Safety – The Ops and Safety grant application can include requests for many things including training, equipment (rescue tools, ladders, hose, etc.), personal protective equipment (turnout gear, air packs, etc.), modifications to facilities (sprinkler systems, smoke and fire alarm systems, vehicle exhaust systems, etc.), and wellness/fitness programs (physicals, immunizations, health screenings, etc.).
- Vehicles – Money for vehicles is limited to 25% of the total grant dollars available. Competition for vehicles is extremely competitive. Departments can apply for a pumper, tanker/tender, brush truck, aerial, or quint; depending what size your jurisdiction is. Fire departments can also request all the NFPA required equipment as part of their application. The age of the vehicle, age of the total fleet, and your call volume are taken into consideration for the competitive request.
- Regional Communication Projects – Any eligible applicant, including fire departments or a nonaffiliated EMS organization, may act as a “host applicant” and apply for a communications project on behalf of itself and any number of organizations in neighboring jurisdictions. A regional project is one in which multiple organizations serving more than one local jurisdiction benefit directly from the activities implemented with the grant funds. Regional projects should be designed to facilitate interoperability and efficiency among the participating jurisdictions. Law enforcement can benefit from this grant. However, any equipment purchased with the grant must physically be distributed to all the departments in the identified region.

AFG – Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (FPS)

FPS offers grants to support activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards. The match for this grant is between 5% and 20% depending on your jurisdiction size. Eligible projects include general education awareness (smoke alarms, sprinkler awareness, public education, juvenile fire setter projects, etc.), code enforcement and/or awareness, and fire and arson investigation. *The 2014 estimated application period is expected to be open in early winter.*

Broadband News & Resources

The UWEX Broadband & E-Commerce Education Center has published a new collection of broadband laws and policies which can be helpful to communities wanting to make more informed decisions regarding their own policies, agreements, ordinances, and plans. These samples assist with understanding the issues that have been considered by others, and can be used as a starting point for local discussions. You can find the online and downloadable PDF version at <http://broadband.uwex.edu/resources/regulations/>.

Affordable Housing Listening Sessions

The Department of Administration's Division of Housing (DOH) is asking for input to help us serve Wisconsin's low to moderate income, homeless and special needs citizens. DOH will be holding **Public Input Sessions** throughout Wisconsin in the months of August and September. Public feedback is critical to the success of distributing approximately \$45 million each year for programs and new initiatives that help expand economic opportunities and affordable housing for some of our most vulnerable residents.

You can help us define our goals and prioritization of State and Federal U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds in the years ahead. The *Wisconsin 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan* defines how the State will distribute federal grant funds to local governments, public and private organizations, and businesses. More than 90% of these funds are HUD formula grants for:

- Small Cities Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS (HOPWA)

Public Input Sessions will take place on:

- August 21 @ Spooner, WI, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
Spooners Council Chambers, 515 N. Summit Street, Spooner, WI, 54801
- August 22 @ Crandon, WI, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Crandon Public Library, 110 W. Polk St., Crandon, WI 54520
- August 25 @ Stevens Point, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Portage County Public Library, Pinery Room, 1001 Main St., Stevens Point, WI, 54481
- September 10 @ Madison, WI + Online Webinar, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Department of Administration, St. Croix Room, 101 E. Wilson St., Madison, WI 53707
For Online Webinar instructions, visit <http://www.doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Housing>
- September 12 @ Platteville, WI, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 75 N. Bonson St., Platteville, WI 53818

If you have any questions, concerns, or need accommodations, please contact Matt Beckwith at (608) 266-7531 or matt.beckwith@wisconsin.gov, or visit <http://www.doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Housing> for more information.

Multifamily Housing Development Training Opportunities

Hosted by the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA)

Are you interested in learning more about multifamily housing developments from industry leaders in Wisconsin? This exciting training course is designed for anyone with a vested interest in the development of affordable multifamily rental housing for families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. This unique course will provide you with a better understanding of the development planning process, the complexities of multifamily development, the financial feasibility of projects and financing resources that are available in Wisconsin.

Upon completion of the training, attendees will have a better understanding of six key components of multifamily housing development:

Classes will be located at the Milwaukee Manpower Group on September 10 & 11 from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM and September 12 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Please visit <http://www.wheda.com/root/WhedaProducts/Multifamily/Dynamic.aspx?id=4407> for more information about the course agenda or to register.

Wisconsin Land Information Program Update

The Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP) at the Department of Administration (DOA) has made a commitment to engage stakeholders in the Statewide Parcel Map Initiative. Recently DOA sought feedback from the geospatial community on a document that outlines a planning process for the Parcel Initiative known as the *Statewide Parcel Map Initiative-Planning Process Framework*.

In letters from the community in response to the *Framework*, there was widespread support for the Strategic Initiative grant concept of allocating \$50k in annual WLIP strategic funding eligibility to the Land Information Office in each county (in addition to Base Budget grant funding), although no WLIP grant funding decisions have been finalized.

One suggestion DOA will enact is to form a Statewide Parcel Map Initiative advisory team. Over the course of the next year, DOA plans to engage the community at this and other points in the process, including but not limited to the following milestones:

September 2014 - Release of WLIP Report, with results of 2014 WLIP county survey and county expenditure reporting

September-October 2014 - Version 1 Statewide Parcel Map Project request for parcel data

October 1, 2014 - Release of 2014 Base Budget and Training & Education grant applications

Fall 2014 - Parcel Initiative Advisory Committee to be formed

Early 2015 - County land information plan instructions update

2014-2015 - County site visits: Grant Administrator Peter Herreid has joined 16 county land information council meetings in the last couple of months and has several more visits scheduled for the coming weeks. Staff intends to visit each county to better understand how the WLIP functions at the ground level.

From local government and stakeholder feedback, DOA recognizes that local governments and other stakeholder groups seek to be actively involved in the Parcel Initiative planning process. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Mike Friis, WLIP program manager (608) 267-7982, or Peter Herreid (608) 267-3369.

Be In-the-Know! E-Newsletters Available from Many State Agencies

Use the links below to check out sample publications and get on the distribution lists for news from other state agencies.

- Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) – WEDC's newsletters provides the latest information on resources that will help your business, community and clients grow, startup or expand/relocate in Wisconsin. Subscribe at <http://inwisconsin.com/subscribe/>
- Department of Workforce Development (DWD) – *Workforce Watch* focuses on activities to attract & retain companies, and to facilitate sustainable employment for Wisconsin workers. See past issues at: <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/workforcewatch/archives.htm>. Subscribe at <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/workforcewatch/subscribe.htm>.
- Department of Transportation (DOT) – *The Connector* targets community stakeholders with information on transportation safety, department initiatives and links to resources. To subscribe send an email to dotexecofficeofpublicaffairs@dot.wi.gov

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