

Award Process

ARPA Minor League Sports Team Assistance Grant Program December 7, 2021

Background

Governor Tony Evers has directed \$2,800,000 for the Minor League Sports Team Assistance Grant Program to provide assistance to minor league sports teams with restoring economic activity in Wisconsin following the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding for this assistance is provided to Wisconsin by the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. For more information regarding the Minor League Sports Teams Assistance Grant Program, including the grant applications, please visit the Program website: [DOA Minor League Sports Teams Assistance Grants \(wi.gov\)](#)

The purpose of this document is to provide interested parties information on the award processes for the Program as defined in the Grant Announcement, issued September 16, 2021. The Grant Announcement provided the following Method of Award governing allocation of funds:

Section 3.4 Method of Award. The State will compile the final review of each application (see Section 3.1). The State intends to make multiple awards. Awards will be based upon qualifying application(s). (*Source: Grant Announcement, p. 5*)

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Eligibility.

1. The program received 19 proposals prior to the application deadline of October 15, 2021, at 2:00PM CDT, requesting \$3,800,000 in funding, each of which were reviewed for compliance with the grant announcement.
2. Two (2) proposals were disqualified due to applicant ineligibility (e.g. did not have 501(c)3 status, duplicate application submissions, did not have qualifying 2019 operating revenue, or did not otherwise meet the minimum application requirements).

Budget Adjustment and Awards.

1. There were 17 eligible applications received. The Program adjusted proposals that made requests in excess of the amounts identified in Section 3.3 of the Grant Announcement that awards shall not exceed \$200,000 or the amount of the decrease in the applicant's federal taxable income (for-profit entities) or total revenue (non-profit entities) between tax years 2019 and 2020, whichever is less.