



# STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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## Award Process

### ARPA Neighborhood Investment Fund Program April 4, 2023

#### Background

Governor Tony Evers has directed \$234,782,338.41 for the Neighborhood Investment Fund Program to assist local and Tribal governments in making significant capital investments with long-term benefits to help neighborhoods recover from negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, with particular emphasis on addressing the needs of residents living in communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. Funding for this assistance is provided to Wisconsin by the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. For more information regarding the Neighborhood Investment Fund Program, including the grant applications, please visit the Program website: [DOA Neighborhood Investment Fund Program \(wi.gov\)](https://www.doa.wisconsin.gov/neighborhood-investment-fund-program).

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 30, 2021. The Grant Announcement provided the following Method of Award governing allocation of funds:

**Section 3.6 Method of Award.** The State will determine final evaluations for each application (see Section 3.3). The State intends to make multiple awards. Awards will be based upon the highest scoring application(s). (*Source: Grant Announcement, p. 7*)

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##### Eligibility.

1. The program received 209 proposals requesting \$899,783,081.47 prior to the application deadline of November 11, 2021, at 2:00PM CDT, each of which were reviewed for compliance with the grant announcement.
2. Seven (7) proposals were either withdrawn or were duplicate proposals. Seven (7) proposals were deemed ineligible as they were not submitted from a Wisconsin local government or Tribe and twenty-six (26) proposals were incomplete, the project was ineligible, or the applicant did not request the minimum grant award.
3. There were 169 eligible applications. The Program identified categories for the applications based on the projects submitted via the application process.
  - Housing/Homelessness (32)
  - Economic Development/Workforce (17)
  - Revitalization/Blight Elimination (10)

- Support of Vulnerable Populations (14)
- Non-profit Support (7)
- Child Care/Education (6)
- Community Infrastructure (13)
- Healthcare (7)
- Libraries (7)
- Recreation (49)
- Transit (3)
- Public Safety (4)

**Budget Adjustment and Awards.**

1. Awards were adjusted for two (2) applicants in accordance with Section 3.5 of the Grant Announcement to not exceed the maximum award, and one (1) project to reflect a reduction in need.
2. The Program prioritized funding projects in certain categories based on the program's objectives. Applicants in certain categories that received the highest scores and were determined to best fit the program objectives were funded. Projects were funded in the categories of:
  - Housing/Homelessness (20)
  - Economic Development/Workforce (4)
  - Revitalization/Blight Elimination (9)
  - Support of Vulnerable Populations (6)
  - Non-profit Support (5)
  - Public Safety (4)
  - Child Care/Education (1)
  - Community Infrastructure (1)

Due to the large number of qualified applications, the program expanded the original \$200,000,000 in funding available under this announcement to \$231,782,338.41. Funding was updated to \$234,782,338.41 in April 2023 to reflect an additional award.