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Dr. Deer to Hold Town Hall Meetings

Dr. James C. Kroll (*aka 'Dr. Deer'*) has been appointed as the state's first Deer Trustee to conduct an objective, scientific study of Wisconsin deer management practices and work to restore soured relations between the state's hunters and the Department of Natural Resources.

"Wisconsin is well-known for its outdoor traditions, and I'm excited to be working alongside wildlife officials and sportsmen to help ensure Wisconsin's hunting heritage exists for many generations to come," says Dr. James Kroll, who also serves as the director of the Institute for Whitetailed Deer Management and Research at Stephen F. Austin State University (SFASU).

Dr. Kroll will hold a series of town hall style meetings in mid-April to hear what ideas and solutions Wisconsin sportsmen have to offer about deer management. These sessions will allow citizens to ask questions about deer management practices and voice their opinions on recommended changes. While locations are still pending, these sessions will be held April 16 – April 21. The meetings are open to the public. These meetings will also be broadcast on the internet with a toll free call in number available so web viewers can ask questions.

For more information about Dr. Kroll and his ongoing study, please visit Dr. Kroll's web page at www.drdeer.com.

Grant News for Land Information Office's

The Department of Administration will be releasing in 2012 training and education and base budget grant applications (anticipated \$50,000 level) on February 22. These grants will be funded with State Fiscal year 2013 program revenue (deed document recording fees submitted July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013). DOA management recognizes the strong role land information provides for key governmental services and in support of Wisconsin's economic development. According to program statutes and administrative rule, every Wisconsin county land information office is eligible for a training and education grant of \$300. In addition, counties retaining less than \$50,000 in deed recording fees during the State Fiscal Year 2011 (Jul 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011) are eligible for base budget grants.

The training and education and base budget grant applications are due May 1, 2012. Applications can be accessed online at: www.doa.state.wi.us/WLIP. (To navigate to the application forms go to the "Grant Program" link). A list of all counties with their retained fees and their grant eligibility can be found on Table A of the base budget grant application.

If you have questions about the Grants or the Land Information Program, please contact Peter Herreid at (608)267-3369 or peter.herreid@wisconsin.gov

Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services Funding

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) administers the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) program. The AFG Program consists of three different funding opportunities. Information including the 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 (AFG) – 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 2012 application period is estimated to be open during June or July.***

- 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 organizations, 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 the following: 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 2012 estimated application period is expected to be open in April.***

AFG - Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) – SAFER grants provide financial assistance to help fire departments increase their cadre of frontline firefighters or to rehire firefighters that have been laid off. The goal is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities so they may respond to emergencies whenever they occur, assuring their communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. SAFER offers grants to support activities in two categories: (1) Hiring of Firefighters and (2) Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters. It is important to check the program guidance for the required match for this opportunity as it has changed several times. ***The 2012 application period has passed, but the 2013 application period is expected to be open in January or February.***

For more information about these programs, please contact Dawn Vick with the Wisconsin Department of Administration at (608)266-7043 or dawn.vick@wisconsin.gov.

Community Development Block Grants for Public Facilities (CDBG-PF)

The Wisconsin CDBG Public Facilities Program is designed to assist communities with public facility improvements, excluding buildings for the conduct of government. The Program is designed to enhance the vitality of a community by undertaking public investment that contributes to solid long-term community and economic development.

Eligible Applicants

- Towns, villages, or cities that are not entitlement communities.
- Any county, other than Milwaukee, most of Dane, and Waukesha counties.
- Project must meet one of the three National Objectives for the program, which are:
 - 1) the project principally benefits low and moderate-income persons;
 - 2) the project eliminates slum and blight; and
 - 3) the proposed activity meets and urgent local need (typically catastrophic events).

Eligible Activities (Non-Exclusive)

Publicly owned:

- Utilities and Streets
- Fire Stations and Emergency Vehicles
- Community/Senior Centers and Shelters
- Municipal Telecommunications
- Libraries
- Downtown Improvements

Funding Availability

Grant funds are available on a continual basis. The maximum grant is typically \$500,000, but most grants provide approximately 30 percent of the project costs that must be covered by the applicant. Applicants can receive only one (1) grant per a 12-month period. Grants are only available up to the amount that is adequately justified and documented with engineering or vendor estimates.

Review and Award Process

Applications are scored based upon consideration of the applicant's overall distress, need for the improvement, ability to pay for the improvement, utility rates, local efforts to pay for the project, leveraging of other funds and project readiness. To be considered for funding, all projects must obtain a minimum score.

Project Administration

The grant recipient is responsible for project administration. This includes, but is not limited to, submitting progress reports, conducting Labor Standards reviews, keeping financial management records, preparing closeout reports and meeting other contractual obligations.

Submission of Applications

All eligible applicants must submit a Project Proposal which is available on the Department's website – <http://commerce.wi.gov/> Previous grant recipients must be in compliance with all current and past contract obligations it has with other Department community and economic development programs.

For More Information

If you have questions about this program please contact Jason Scott, Community Account Manager / Team Leader for the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation at (608)261-7714 or Jason.scott@wisconsin.gov. Program information can be found at <http://wedc.org/community-development> or <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/CD/>.

Department of Natural Resources Funding Opportunities

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Community Financial Assistance administers a variety of grant and loan programs (listed below). To find more information about these programs, go to the DNR web page and click on the programs title for more information. These programs can be found at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/grants/index.html>.

- All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)
- ATV Enforcement Patrol
- Aquatic Invasive Species Control
- Clean Diesel Grant Program
- Conservation Capacity Grants
- County Conservation Aids
- County Forest Acreage Payments
- County Forest Administration
- County Snowmobile Enforcement Patrols
- Dam - Municipal
- Dam - Removal
- Dry Cleaner
- Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act
- Federal Clean Vessel Act
- Financial Assistance for Remediation of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) Contaminated Sediment
- Forest Fire Protection
- Forest Stewardship
- Forestry Aids to Counties
- Gypsy Moth
- Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program - See Stewardship
- Lake Management Planning - Large Scale Lake
- Lake Management Planning - Small Scale Lake
- Lake Protection and Classification
- Land & Water Conservation Fund
- Landowner Incentive Program
- Local Water Quality Management Planning Aids
- Municipal Flood Control
- Municipal Water Safety Patrols State Assistance
- Notice of Discharge
- PCB Contaminated Sediments
- Recreational Boating Facilities
- Recreational Trails
- Recycling Grants to Responsible Units
- Basic Recycling Grant
- Recycling Consolidation Grant
- River Protection Planning
- River Protection Management
- Site Assessment (SAG)
- Snowmobile Trail Aids
- Spear Fishing Law Enforcement Assistance
- State Wildlife Grants Program
- Stewardship
- Targeted Runoff Management
- Urban Forestry
- Urban Forestry Catastrophic Storm Grant
- Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water
- Urban Wildlife Damage/Abatement Control
- Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV)
- Well Abandonment
- Well Compensation
- Wildlife Damage Abatement/Claims
- Wisconsin Clean Diesel Grant Program
- WI Forestry Landowner Grant

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