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On January 25, Governor Walker declared a State of Emergency in response to the propane shortage that has impacted Wisconsin this season. The declaration puts all state agencies on alert to be prepared to assist as needed in response to the cold weather snap and propane shortage. Following the declaration, the Governor has:

- Directed the Department of Administration's Division of Energy Services to release an additional \$7 million in Crisis Benefits to counties and tribes that have households who use propane to heat their homes. The state will make funds available in anticipation of receiving additional federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds that were included in the recent federal omnibus budget bill. This was in addition to the \$1.5 million that was released for Energy Benefits.

- Instructed the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to move forward with \$5 million loan guarantee program. WEDC will provide loan guarantees to banks up to 80% of new or expanded lines of credit to propane dealers in Wisconsin. As wholesale prices rise in the Midwest, propane commercial retailers have exhausted their current lines of credit to meet their customer's rising demand for propane.

- Directed the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) to proceed with \$3 million loan guarantee program. WHEDA will provide loan guarantees to banks of 50% of a total loan for dealers to purchase propane, but not to exceed \$50,000 guarantee amount. This will require approval by WHEDA's Members Loan Committee. WHEDA expanded the program to include small businesses impacted by propane supply/price – with a \$25,000 cap.

The Governor has also been proactively seeking help from the federal government to mitigate this and any future occurrences.

### What Citizens Can Do

1. Call the non-emergency number of your local sheriff's department if you need the location of a local warming shelter or other local resources. As always, call 911 for an emergency.
2. Check on friends, neighbors and loved ones to ensure everyone has a warm place to stay.
3. Call toll-free 1-866-HEATWIS (432-8947) for information about where you can purchase propane in your area, or to apply for assistance towards your propane heating bill. To apply for heating assistance through the WHEAP program, go to [www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov](http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov). Your local agency will determine eligibility for heating benefits based upon your household income, size, and the home's heating costs. If you are eligible, the WHEAP program will make a payment directly to your fuel supplier towards the cost of your propane. These benefits are available through May 15, 2014. Your local agency will also determine if you are eligible for Crisis Benefits.
4. If you leave your home for an extended period, turn off the water and drain your pipes to ensure they pipes do not freeze in your absence.
5. If you need assistance with your pet, please call your local warming shelter/human services agency as some warming shelters also offer pet shelter.
6. Please donate to the Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund (KWWF) to help those impacted by the crisis. Credit card donations accepted online at [www.kwwf.org/donate](http://www.kwwf.org/donate) or by phone at 608-333-0809.

## Apply to Serve in State Government

There are currently a substantial number of positions available on various boards and commissions. The Governor needs help filling these positions. Please consider applying for a gubernatorial appointment. If you know of a family member, friend or fellow Wisconsin citizen who is enthusiastic about civic duty, please encourage him or her to apply.

To learn about available positions and to apply, go to <http://walker.wi.gov> and click on the "Apply to Serve" link found on the right hand side of the page.

Applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis for the following boards and commissions:

- Access to Justice Commission
- Accounting Examining Board
- Arts Board
- Athletic Trainers Affiliated Credentialing Board
- Auctioneer Board
- Banking Review Board
- Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission
- Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
- Board of Governors of the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund
- Board of Nursing
- Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System
- Board of Veterans Affairs
- Board on Aging and Long Term Care
- Bradley Center Sports and Entertainment Corporation
- Building Inspector Review Board
- Burial Sites Preservation Board
- Cemetery Board
- Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board
- Chiropractic Examining Board
- Circus World Museum Foundation
- College and Workforce Readiness Council
- Commission on Uniform State Laws
- Commissioner of Railroads
- Compact Administrator of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles
- Controlled Substances Board
- Conveyance Safety Code Council
- Cosmetology Examining Board
- Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Council on Affirmative Action
- Council on Autism
- Council on Domestic Abuse
- Council on Forestry
- Council on Highway Safety
- Council on Library and Network Development
- Council on Main Street Programs
- Council on Mental Health
- Council on Migrant Labor
- Council on Military and State Relations
- Council on Offender Reentry
- Council on Physical Disabilities
- Council on Physician Assistants
- Council on Real Estate Curriculum and Examinations
- Council on Recycling
- Council on Tourism
- Credit Union Review Board
- Crime Victims' Rights Board
- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- Deferred Compensation Board
- Dentistry Examining Board
- Dietitians Affiliated Credentialing Board
- Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Council
- Dwelling Code Council
- Early Childhood Advisory Council
- East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Education Commission of the States
- Educational Approval Board
- Educational Communications Board
- Electronic Recording Council
- Emergency Medical Services Board
- Employee Trust Funds Board
- Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors
- Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists
- Fox River Navigational System Authority
- Funeral Directors Examining Board
- Government Accountability Board
- Governor's Bicycle Coordinating Council
- Governor's Committee for People With Disabilities
- Governor's Council on Financial Literacy
- Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health
- Governor's Council on Workforce Investment
- Governor's Judicial Selection Advisory Committee
- Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission
- Great Lakes Compact Commission
- Great Lakes Fishery Commission
- Great Lakes Protection Fund
- Groundwater Coordinating Council
- Group Insurance Board
- Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan Authority
- Hearing and Speech Examining Board
- Higher Educational Aids Board
- Historic Preservation Review Board
- Homeland Security Council
- Independent Living Council of Wisconsin
- Information Technology Management Board
- Interstate Adult Offender Supervision Board
- Interstate Compact for Juveniles
- Interstate Compact on Placement of Children

- Invasive Species Council
- Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties
- Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems
- Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions
- Judicial Council
- Kickapoo Reserve Management Board
- Labor and Industry Review Commission
- Laboratory of Hygiene Board
- Lake Michigan Commercial Fishing Board
- Lake Superior Commercial Fishing Board
- Land and Water Conservation Board
- Law Enforcement Standards Board
- Lower Fox River Remediation Authority
- Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board
- Marriage and Family Therapy Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board
- Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board
- Medical Examining Board
- Medical Mediation Panel
- Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission
- Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission
- Midwestern Higher Education Compact
- Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council
- Mississippi River Parkway Commission
- Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission
- Monona Terrace Board of Directors
- Multifamily Dwelling Code Council
- National and Community Service Board
- Natural Resources Board
- Non-motorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council
- North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board
- Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board
- Optometry Examining Board
- Parole Commission
- Perfusionists Examining Council
- Pharmacy Examining Board
- Physical Therapy Examining Board
- Podiatrists Affiliated Credentialing Board
- Prison Industries Board
- Psychology Examining Board
- Public Defender Board
- Public Records Board
- Public Service Commission
- Radiography Examining Board
- Real Estate Appraisers Board
- Real Estate Examining Board
- Respiratory Care Practitioners Examining Council
- Rural Health Development Council
- Savings Institutions Review Board
- Sign Language Interpreters Council
- Small Business Environmental Council
- Small Business Regulatory Review Board
- Snowmobile Recreational Council
- Social Development Commission Board
- Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District Board
- Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- State Capitol and Executive Residence Board
- State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
- State Employees Suggestion Board
- State Fair Park Board
- State Historical Records Advisory Board
- State Interoperability Council
- State of Wisconsin Birth to 3 Interagency Coordinating Council
- State of Wisconsin Building Commission
- State of Wisconsin Citizen Corps Council
- State of Wisconsin Claims Board
- State of Wisconsin Investment Board
- State Rehabilitation Council
- State Trails Council
- State Use Board
- Taliesin Preservation, Inc. Board of Trustees
- Tax Appeals Commission
- Teachers Retirement Board
- Telecommunications Relay Service Council
- Thermal Systems Insulators Council
- Transportation Projects Commission
- UW Hospitals and Clinics Authority and Board
- Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Board
- Veterinary Examining Board
- Volunteer Fire Fighter and EMT Service Award Board
- Waste Facilities Siting Board
- Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program Board
- Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities
- Wisconsin Center District Board of Directors
- Wisconsin Coastal Management Council
- Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau Governing Board
- Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation
- Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission
- Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority
- Wisconsin Historical Society Board of Curators
- Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority
- Wisconsin Housing Preservation Corp
- Wisconsin Humanities Council
- Wisconsin International Trade Council
- Wisconsin Judicial Commission
- Wisconsin Quality Home Care Authority
- Wisconsin Retirement Board
- Wisconsin Technical College System Board
- Wisconsin Waterways Commission
- Wisconsin Women's Council

# Broadband Grants Available

## Program Summary

The Broadband Expansion Grant Program is a new grant program created by 2013 Act 20. This program provides reimbursement for equipment and construction expenses incurred to extend or improve broadband telecommunications service in underserved areas of the state.

Grant funds can only be used to reimburse the construction of broadband facilities. Grant funds cannot be used to reimburse the operating expenses of a telecommunications provider or the monthly bill of a telecommunications service customer.

An application for a grant may be submitted by any of the following entities:

1. An organization operated for profit or not for profit, including a cooperative.
2. A telecommunications utility.
3. A city, village, town, or county that has established a legal partnership or joint venture arrangement with an otherwise qualified organization or telecommunications utility.

## Broadband Grant Application for FY2014

The Commission may award one or more grants that, in aggregate, do not exceed an annual total of \$500,000 during Fiscal Year 2014 to public and private entities that meet the eligibility requirements. Grant applications must be uploaded to the Commission's Electronic Regulatory Filing (ERF) System, found at the following link: [http://psc.wi.gov/apps40/ERF\\_public/Default.aspx](http://psc.wi.gov/apps40/ERF_public/Default.aspx). Applications are due no later than 4:00pm on **March 21, 2014**.

DATE	EVENT
January 21, 2014	Date of issue of the application
February 27, 2014	Last day for submitting questions and requests for clarification
March 21, 2014	Applications due from applicants
May 15, 2014	Notification of award(s) sent to applicant(s)
May 30, 2014	Start date for grant award(s)

## Application Instructions

The instructions for completing an application for a Broadband Expansion Grant are available at the following link: <http://psc.wi.gov/utilityInfo/tele/broadband/grants/documents/bbGrantApplication.pdf>.

For a map of Broadband Expansion Grant Eligible Areas, please go to <http://wi.linkamericadata.org/>.

For any questions regarding the application instructions, please contact Dennis Klaila by telephone at 608-267-9780 or by e-mail at [dennis.klaila@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dennis.klaila@wisconsin.gov).

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