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Local governments are reminded that they may use state contracts to purchase goods and services as they recover from natural disasters, including recent flooding and storm damage. The State of Wisconsin has negotiated scores of supply and service contracts that are available to local governments. These contracts typically feature wide product selections, competitive pricing, warranties, fast delivery and satisfaction guarantees.

The contracts are available to any municipality, including a county, city, village, town, Tribe, school district, sewer district, drainage district, technical college district or other public body with the authority to award public contracts. However, state contracts may not be used for purchases by or on behalf of individuals or businesses.

A complete list of contracts available to municipal governments can be found on the State's procurement website, VendorNet, at <https://vendornet.wi.gov> > Contracts > Cooperative Purchase (Yes).

The following list provides just a sample of the contracts that may be useful in your storm damage recovery efforts:

- MRO (pumps, generators, etc.)
- Janitorial Supplies
- Light Duty Trucks
- Hazardous Waste Services
- Prescription Safety Glasses
- Electrical & plumbing supplies
- Security Cameras
- Traffic Cones, Posts & Drums
- Non-IT Temporary Help
- Ruggedized Laptops
- Communication Equipment

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The State of Wisconsin welcomes county, municipal, and tribal governments as purchasers from state contracts. We hope you find these resources useful.

## Help for Flooding and Other Emergencies or Incidents

The Department of Administration (DOA) has funding available through **Community Development Block Grant Emergency Assistance Program** (CDBG-EAP). The funds may be used to assist eligible, low to moderate income homeowners for housing rehabilitation, business assistance, and repair local public infrastructure. Local communities should work with the Division of Energy, Housing, and Community Resources to apply. Please visit their website at <http://doa.wi.gov/Divisions/Housing/CDBG-EAP> or call (608) 266-7531.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) is working with local health departments and local human services departments to provide assistance as requested and **flood-related resources** at [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/flood](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/flood). One such resource is the *Wisconsin Flood Toolkit*, which is designed to aid local leaders in offering clear and accurate information about protecting people and property before, during, and after a flood.

The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) has **emergency housing assistance grants** available through its Natural Disaster Program. The grant monies provide short-term, emergency housing assistance to residents who lost their homes due to the flooding. The grant is awarded to a local community service provider to administer the funds. For additional information, contact Kevin Fischer, WHEDA at [Kevin.Fischer@wheda.com](mailto:Kevin.Fischer@wheda.com).

## Flood Insurance and Storm Aftermath Tips for Citizens

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) provides information on flood insurance and important tips in dealing with storm aftermath.

Typical homeowner's policies usually provide coverage for damage that is the result of severe weather such as damage from hail or high winds. An exception is that damage caused by flooding is typically not covered. For protection against floods, you must purchase a separate policy from the National Flood Insurance Program.

Damage resulting from sewer backup and sump pump problems is also rarely covered in homeowner's policies but an endorsement providing that coverage may be purchased and added to the policy. Endorsements are added to insurance policies to provide additional coverage to the homeowner's policy. Most comprehensive auto policies provide coverage for vehicles damaged in a flood. However, if you purchased collision-only coverage, you may not have coverage.

OCI Commissioner Ted Nickel suggests the following tips in dealing with storm aftermath:

- Notify your insurance agent or insurance company as soon as possible to begin the claim process. Make sure you provide a telephone and/or e-mail address where you can be reached.
- Pay attention to local news to find out if state and federal agencies are available on-scene to help with relief efforts.
- Separate damaged items from undamaged items.
- Make a detailed list of all damaged or lost personal property. It will help to take photos of the damage. Your adjuster will need evidence of the damage and damaged items. Do not throw out any damaged property without your adjuster's agreement. If local officials require the disposal of damaged items before the insurance company's claims adjuster can inspect the damages, take photos and keep a swatch or other sample of damaged items for the adjuster.
- Contact your insurance company again if an adjuster has not been assigned to you within several days.
- Keep a file containing all the claim documentation including telephone logs, photos, estimates and receipts.
- To avoid scams, make sure to take your time. If you feel pressured to sign a contract quickly, take a step back and investigate.

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance Web site has many helpful publications. Visit OCI's Web site [oci.wi.gov](http://oci.wi.gov), or contact OCI with questions at (800) 236-8517.

## Attention Building Inspectors and Clerks

January 2, 2018 is fast approaching.

Why is this date significant? It is the date your community is required to begin electronically reporting building permits for all new one- and two- family dwellings. Every municipality in the State of Wisconsin must enroll in this system. Failure to enroll and electronically report new one- and two- family building permits may result in the loss of all permit fees received by the municipality or its agent.

Learn more from the Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services [webpage](http://dsps.wi.gov/Programs/Industry-Services/Industry-Services-Programs/One-and-Two-Family-UDC/Act-211) ([dsps.wi.gov/Programs/Industry-Services/Industry-Services-Programs/One-and-Two-Family-UDC/Act-211](http://dsps.wi.gov/Programs/Industry-Services/Industry-Services-Programs/One-and-Two-Family-UDC/Act-211)).

There are 1,985 municipalities in the State of Wisconsin. Currently **498** of 1,985 municipalities have enrolled.

**Do not wait!** Enroll now and assure you'll be in compliance by January 2, 2018.

## Version 3 Statewide Parcel Map Release!

The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) and State Cartographer's Office (SCO) are pleased to announce the release of the Version 3 (V3) Statewide Parcel Map Database, the third iteration of Wisconsin's statewide digital parcel map.

Visit [www.sco.wisc.edu/parcels/data](http://www.sco.wisc.edu/parcels/data) for statewide downloads (as file geodatabase), individual county downloads, schema documentation, county zoning data download, and more

The V3 Project is part of a larger Statewide Digital Parcel Map Initiative, a multi-year, DOA initiative that resulted from Act 20, the state's 2013-15 biennial budget. Coming by August 31st, there will also be an online web app to provide public access to the parcel database.

For questions, please contact [peter.herreid@wisconsin.gov](mailto:peter.herreid@wisconsin.gov).

## The State Trust Fund Loan Program

The Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) works with local governments to maintain and improve Wisconsin's public infrastructure with the State Trust Fund Loan Program. This is one of the largest public lending programs in the state.

These loans can be used for any public purpose, examples include: school repairs and improvements, including the installation of more energy-efficient heating and lighting systems; general public works projects, including roads, town halls, airports, sewer systems, wastewater facilities, trucks, and emergency vehicles; and economic development project like TIF (tax incremental financing) districts and downtown revitalization projects.

Perhaps most importantly, more than 95% of the interest collected on Trust Fund loans go back to the BCPL and is used to provide critical support for K-12 public school libraries throughout the state—a benefit no commercial lender can match.

The application process is easy. There are no loan origination or application fees. Interest rates are competitive and can be fixed for terms of up to 20 years.

For more information on State Trust Fund Loans and the BCPL, visit their web page at <http://bcpl.wisconsin.gov> or contact Trust Fund Loan Specialist Richard Sneider, (608) 261-8001 or [richard.sneider@wisconsin.gov](mailto:richard.sneider@wisconsin.gov).

## 2018-19 Coastal Management Program Grants Available

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. The WCMP anticipates awarding up to \$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, 2017**.

**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 (<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.

There are three informational workshops scheduled to discuss the grant application process and funding priorities. The meeting dates and locations are as follows:

### Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant Workshops

**Green Bay** Wednesday, August 23, 2017  
1:30 p.m.  
Neville Public Museum  
210 Museum Place, Green Bay

**Ashland** Thursday, September 7, 2017  
1:30 p.m.  
Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center  
29270 County Highway G, Ashland

**Milwaukee** Tuesday, September 12, 2017  
1:30 p.m.  
Port Milwaukee  
2323 S. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee

We look forward to seeing you at one of these workshops. If you have any questions, please call WCMP at (608) 267-7982.

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