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### **BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM - Infrastructure Grants**

**Description:** Provides funding to improve broadband service in underserved and unserved areas.

**Funding Mechanism:** This program is administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA) under the U.S. Department of Commerce. Funding will be made available competitively as matching grants to eligible entities. Detailed program information and application materials are not yet available.

At the federal level, the Rural Utility Service, under the USDA, shares responsibility for broadband implementation with the NTIA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These agencies are currently working to develop common approaches to implementation of broadband funding under the Recovery Act.

As the next step in this effort, USDA, NTIA and the FCC are hosting the first of several Public Meetings on March 10, 2009. In addition, the agencies will publish guidance in the Federal Register on how the public can provide input into the delivery of our programs. More information will be available on <http://www.recovery.gov>.

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**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Individuals Local Government Non-Profit Organizations Other State Government Tribal Government Universities

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Commerce, Dept. of

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**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/>

**Federal Amount:** \$3,900,000,000.00

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### **BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM - Sustainable Adoption Grants**

**Description:** Provides funding for innovative programs to encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service.

**Funding Mechanism:** This program is administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA) under the U.S. Department of Commerce. Funding will be made available competitively as matching grants to eligible entities. Detailed program information and application materials are not yet available.

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**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Individuals Local Government Non-Profit Organizations Other State Government Tribal Government

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Commerce, Dept. of

**Federal Contact Name:** Barbara Brown, National Telecommunications and Information Agency

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**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/>

**Federal Amount:** \$250,000,000.00

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## **BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM - Public Computing Centers**

**Description:** Provides funding for public computer centers at community colleges and libraries.

**Funding Mechanism:** This program is administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA) under the U.S. Department of Commerce. Funding will be made available competitively as matching grants to eligible entities. Detailed program information and application materials are not yet available.

At the federal level, the Rural Utility Service, under the USDA, shares responsibility for broadband implementation with the NTIA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These agencies are currently working to develop common approaches to implementation of broadband funding under the Recovery Act.

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**State Web Site:** <http://psc.wi.gov/recoveryAct/index-recoveryAct.htm>

**Eligible Entities:** Local Government Schools or School Districts State Government Technical Colleges Universities

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Commerce, Dept. of

**Federal Contact Name:** Barbara Brown, National Telecommunications and Information Agency

**Federal Contact Phone:** (202) 482-4374

**Federal Contact E-Mail:** [bbrown@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:bbrown@ntia.doc.gov)

**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/>

**Federal Amount:** \$200,000,000.00

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## **BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM - State Broadband Data and Development Grants**

**Description:** Provides funding for developing and maintaining a statewide broadband inventory and map, as authorized in the Broadband Data Services Improvement Act (P.L. 110-385). State maps will be incorporated into a national broadband inventory within two years.

**Funding Mechanism:** Funding for this program will be distributed through competitive grants to state governments or to a single entity designated by a state government to complete a comprehensive map and inventory of broadband availability. Detailed program information and application materials are not yet available.

At the federal level, the Rural Utility Service, under the USDA, shares responsibility for broadband implementation with the NTIA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These agencies are currently working to develop common approaches to implementation of broadband funding under the Recovery Act.

As the next step in this effort, USDA, NTIA and the FCC are hosting the first of several Public Meetings on March 10, 2009. In addition, the agencies will publish guidance in the Federal Register on how the public can provide input into the delivery of our programs. More information will be available on <http://www.recovery.gov>.

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**State Web Site:** <http://psc.wi.gov/recoveryAct/index-recoveryAct.htm>  
**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Local Government Non-Profit Organizations State Government  
**Responsibility for Implementation:** State

**Federal Agency Name:** Commerce, Dept. of  
**Federal Contact Name:** Barbara Brown, National Telecommunications and Information Agency  
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**Federal Contact E-Mail:** [bbrown@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:bbrown@ntia.doc.gov)  
**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/>  
**Federal Amount:** \$350,000,000.00

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) - Entitlement Communities Program

**Description:** Provides continuing community development block grant funding for community and economic development projects, including housing.

**Funding Mechanism:** Block grant formula to entitlement cities and counties.

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**State Web Site:** <http://www.commerce.wi.gov/CD/>  
**State Amount:** \$10,066,931.00  
**Eligible Entities:** Local Government  
**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal Local

**Federal Agency Name:** Housing and Urban Development, Dept. of  
**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>  
**Federal Amount:** \$1,000,000,000.00

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - Tribal

**Description:** Provides financial assistance, technical assistance, training and outreach programs designed to benefit Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Alaskan Native communities. Programs are provided primarily through qualified community development lender organizations with experience and expertise in community development banking and lending in Indian country, Native American organizations, tribes and tribal organizations and other suitable providers.

**Funding Mechanism:** Funding is in the US Department of Treasury.

**State Agency:** Administration, Department of  
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**State Contact E-Mail:** [brian.vigue@wisconsin.gov](mailto:brian.vigue@wisconsin.gov)  
**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Other Tribal Government  
**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Treasury, Department of

**Federal Web Site:** [http://www.cdfifund.gov/what\\_we\\_do/programs\\_id.asp?programID=3](http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=3)

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## **DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE & BROADBAND GRANTS**

**Description:** Provides funding for broadband projects in rural areas. Priority is given to projects that benefit areas that do not have broadband service and that would result in more choices in providers for rural areas. Projects must be located in an areas where at least 75 percent of the area is without sufficient access to broadband service, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

**Funding Mechanism:** This program is administered by USDA Rural Utilities Service through a competitive selection process. Detailed program information and application materials are not yet available.

At the federal level, Rural Utility Service, under the USDA, shares responsibility for broadband implementation with the NTIA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These agencies are currently working to develop common approaches to implementation of broadband funding under the Recovery Act.

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**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Individuals Local Government Non-Profit Organizations State Government Tribal Government

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Agriculture, Dept. of

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**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>

**Federal Amount:** \$2,500,000,000.00

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## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) FUNDING - Amercian Recovery Program**

**GRANT SOLICITATION ANNOUNCEMENT MARCH 11, 2009. PLEASE SEE FEDERAL WEBSITE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**Description:** Provides grants to states, local government entities and eligible non-profits to create jobs and generate private sector investment by promoting comprehensive, entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts. Priority consideration will be given to those areas that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring.

**Funding Mechanism:** Competitive grants through EDA's six Regional Offices.

**State Agency:** Commerce, Department of

**State Contact Name:** Amy Young Cumblad

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**State Contact E-Mail:** [amy.cumblad@wi.gov](mailto:amy.cumblad@wi.gov)

**Eligible Entities:** Local Government Non-Profit Organizations State Government

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Commerce, Dept. of

**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.eda.gov/xp/EDAPublic/NewsEvents/PressReleases/PRWashington031109.xml>

**Federal Amount:** \$150,000,000.00

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## INDIAN GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM

**Description:** The bill creates a guaranteed loan program through the Bureau of Indian Affairs for construction projects.

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**Eligible Entities:** Other Tribal Government  
**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Interior, Dept. of the  
**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.doi.gov/bia/>  
**Federal Amount:** \$10,000,000.00

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## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS

**Description:** Tax-exempt private activity bonds for manufacturing. Expands definition of manufacturing to production of intangible property. Also clarifies what is in a manufacturing facility.  
**Funding Mechanism:** The Wisconsin Department of Commerce approves projects eligible to receive volume cap allocation. No additional bonding authority or volume cap.

**State Agency:** Commerce, Department of  
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**State Web Site:** <http://commerce.wi.gov/BD/BD-IRB.html>  
**Eligible Entities:** Businesses  
**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal State

**Federal Agency Name:** Internal Revenue Service  
**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.irs.gov>

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## NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS - Formula Grants

**Description:** Provides funding to support state and regional arts agencies that preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector.  
**Funding Mechanism:** Funds distributed by formula grant to designated state and regional arts agencies. The grantees are listed at: [http://www.nea.gov/partner/state/SAA\\_RAO\\_list.html](http://www.nea.gov/partner/state/SAA_RAO_list.html).

**State Agency:** Arts Board  
**State Contact Phone:** (608) 266-0190  
**State Contact E-Mail:** [artsboard@wisconsin.gov](mailto:artsboard@wisconsin.gov)  
**State Web Site:** <http://artsboard.wisconsin.gov>  
**Eligible Entities:** State Government  
**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal State

**Federal Agency Name:** National Endowment for the Arts  
**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.nea.gov/recovery/index.html>  
**Federal Amount:** \$20,000,000.00

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## NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS - Competitive Grants

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 2, 2009.**

**Description:** Provides funding to non-profit organizations to preserve jobs in the arts sector.  
**Funding Mechanism:** One-time competitive grants to arts organizations, local arts agencies, art service organizations, units of state or local government, and a wide range of other organizations.

**State Agency:** Arts Board

**State Contact Phone:** (608) 266-0190  
**State Contact E-Mail:** [artsboard@wisconsin.gov](mailto:artsboard@wisconsin.gov)  
**State Web Site:** <http://artsboard.wisconsin.gov>  
**Eligible Entities:** Local Government Non-Profit Organizations Other State Government  
**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** National Endowment for the Arts  
**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.nea.gov/recovery/nea-recovery-programs.html>  
**Federal Amount:** \$30,000,000.00

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## **RECOVERY ZONE BONDS - Facility Bonds**

**Description:** New category of tax-exempt private activity bonds that can be used by qualified business for property located in a designated Recovery Zone.  
**Funding Mechanism:** \$15 billion total. Allocation same as Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds. Does not apply to regular volume cap allocation. Bonds must be issued in 2009 or 2010. Allocation amounts not yet available.

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**Eligible Entities:** Local Government  
**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Internal Revenue Service  
**Federal Amount:** \$15,000,000,000.00

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## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - 7(a) Loan Program** **7(A) ARRA LOAN PROGRAM LAUNCHED MARCH 16, 2009**

**Description:** Helps small businesses obtain financing where they might not be eligible through normal lending channels-changes to program are reduction/elimination of fees; increase in loan guarantee to as much as 90%.  
**Funding Mechanism:** For-profit businesses that meet SBA size standards; show good character, credit, management and ability to pay may apply through an SBA-approved lender. 90% guarantee and reduction/elimination of fees now available.

**State Agency:** Commerce, Department of  
**State Web Site:** <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/BD/>

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Small Business Administration  
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**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/index.html>  
**Federal Amount:** \$375,000,000.00

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## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - Business Stabilization Loans**

**Description:** Provides deferred payment loans of up to \$35,000 to make payments on existing, qualifying loan for up to six months. 100% guaranteed by SBA. Repayment begins 12 months after loan is disbursed.  
**Funding Mechanism:** For-profit businesses that meet SBA size standards and eligible business type may apply.

**State Agency:** Commerce, Department of  
**State Web Site:** <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/BD/>  
**Eligible Entities:** Businesses

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Small Business Administration

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**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.sba.gov>

**Federal Amount:** \$255,000,000.00

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## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - Microloans**

**Description:** Provides loans of \$500 to \$35,000 to businesses and not for profit child care centers.

**Funding Mechanism:** Loans are made by nonprofit intermediaries - six microlenders statewide may take applications. Eligible entities show good character, credit, management and ability to pay.

**State Agency:** Commerce, Department of

**State Web Site:** <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/BD/>

**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Non-Profit Organizations

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Small Business Administration

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**Federal Amount:** \$54,000,000.00

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## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - 504 Program**

**504 ARRA PROGRAM LAUNCHED MARCH 16, 2009**

**Description:** Provides long term, fixed rate financing for real estate, or machinery and equipment. Changes to program are allowing refinancing and reduction of fees.

**Funding Mechanism:** For-profit businesses that show good character, credit, management and ability to pay may apply through a certified development corporation. Reduction of fees and allowance of refinancing now available.

**State Agency:** Commerce, Department of

**State Web Site:** <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/BD/>

**Eligible Entities:** Businesses

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Small Business Administration

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**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/wi/financing/index.html>

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## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - Surety Bonds**

**Description:** Provides \$15 million for the Surety Bond Guarantees Revolving Fund, which supports SBA-backed bonds issued by private surety companies to small businesses, which need them in order to bid on many contracts and ensure that they perform on contracts they win. Bill raises the maximum bond amount from \$2 million to \$5 million.

**State Agency:** Commerce, Department of

**State Web Site:** <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/BD/>

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Small Business Administration

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**Federal Web Site:** [http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/wi/financing/WI\\_WISURETY.html](http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/wi/financing/WI_WISURETY.html)

**Federal Amount:** \$15,000,000.00

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## STATE STABILIZATION FUND

**Description:** The State Stabilization Fund reflects Governor Doyle's partnership with Congressman David Obey, and other members of Wisconsin's Congressional Delegation, to protect Wisconsin schools and essential police and fire services. More than \$53 billion nationally is provided to stabilize state budgets, of which \$48 billion is allocated to protect education, preserve local police and fire services and maintain other essential government services. The Governor's 2009-11 biennial budget allocates Wisconsin's share from this fund to avoid deep cuts to school aid, shared revenue and other critical government services.

The Stabilization Fund also includes \$5 billion for the U.S. Department of Education. This includes \$4.35 billion to make competitive "Race to the Top" grants to help states with plans to improve student achievement and \$650 million to make competitive "Invest in What Works and Innovation" awards to assist school districts and non-profit organizations. Guidelines are expected to be issued by the Department of Education in the near future.

**Funding Mechanism:** Funds allocated to states based on state population. Funds may be used in State fiscal years 2009, 2010, and 2011. Governors must submit an application that includes assurances. A portion of the funds may be reserved for a new state Incentive Fund at the Secretary of Education's discretion. Governors may also seek fiscal and regulatory relief from other federal education programs.

**State Agency:** Administration, Department of

**State Amount:** \$876,940,000.00

**Eligible Entities:** State Government

**Responsibility for Implementation:** State

**Federal Agency Name:** Education, Dept. of

**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

**Federal Amount:** \$48,586,000,000.00

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## TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES

**Description:** Provides for trade adjustment assistance for communities affected by trade. The bill makes qualifying communities eligible for strategic planning grants, with preference given to small and medium sized communities, as well as for economic development grants to pursue adjustment projects identified in the community's strategic plan.

**Funding Mechanism:** Competitive grants through US Commerce. This new program is not yet available but must be established by August 1, 2009.

**State Agency:** Commerce, Department of

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**Eligible Entities:** Local Government State Government

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Commerce, Dept. of

**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.commerce.gov>

**Federal Amount:** \$337,500,000.00

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## USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY LOANS - Direct Farm Operating Loans

**Description:** Provides funding for direct farm operating loans.

**Funding Mechanism:** Formula allocation. Wisconsin FSA will receive a state allocation to make direct operating loans to farmers.

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**State Web Site:** <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/>  
**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Individuals  
**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Agriculture, Dept. of  
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**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.usda.gov/fsa>

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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT - Business and Industry Loan Program

**Description:** Provides loan guarantees to rural business and industry to bolster existing private credit structure through the guarantee of quality loans to improve, develop, or finance business, industry, and employment, and to improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities.

Loan purposes include purchase and expansion of land, equipment, buildings, working capital, aquaculture, commercial nurseries, tourist and recreation facilities, hotels, motels, community facility projects, housing development sites, apartment buildings and the purchase of stock in a cooperative where commodities are being produced by the members for processing by the cooperative. Loan funds cannot be used for lines of credit, gambling, golf courses, and agricultural production over \$1 million or more than 50% of a project and when not part of an integrated agriculture processing business. Projects must be located in rural areas or in cities or villages with populations less than 50,000.

**Funding Mechanism:** USDA Rural Development allocates funds to states based on historical use of the program. Wisconsin will receive a state allocation of the national total. Contact the [Wisconsin Rural Development](#) office for details.

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**State Web Site:** <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us>  
**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Individuals  
**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Agriculture, Dept. of  
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**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/wi/programs/rbs/bigquartd.htm>  
**Federal Amount:** \$50,000,000.00

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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT - Community Facilities

**Description:** Direct loans and grants for rural community facility programs. Essential community facilities such as municipal buildings, day centers, and health and safety facilities are examples. Eligible applicants must be cities or villages under 20,000 in population and have a median household income below \$41,969. Wisconsin rural development will receive a state allocation of the national total. Check with the state Rural Development office for details by email [RD.BCP.SO@wi.usda.gov](mailto:RD.BCP.SO@wi.usda.gov).

**Funding Mechanism:** USDA Rural Development allocates funds to states based on historical use of the program. State has no control over allocation but may seek unused funds from other states.

**State Agency:** Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection, Dept. of  
**State Web Site:** <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us>  
**Eligible Entities:** Local Government  
**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency Name:** Agriculture, Dept. of

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**Federal Amount:** \$130,000,000.00

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