Community Development Programs

- **Brownfields Grant**: Grants for developing commercial and industrial sites that have been adversely affected by environmental contamination.

- **Site Assessment Grant**: Grants to assist with conducting initial environmental assessment and demolition activities on an eligible abandoned, idle or underutilized industrial or commercial site.

- **Idle Sites Redevelopment Program**: Highly competitive program offering grants for the implementation of redevelopment plans for large industrial or commercial sites that have been idle, abandoned or underutilized for at least five years.

- **Community Development Investment Grant**: Grants for shovel-ready projects with particular emphasis on downtown community-driven efforts that deliver significant, measurable benefits in job opportunities, property values and/or leveraged investment by local and private partners.

- **Historic Preservation Tax Credits**: Owners of eligible buildings may receive a state income tax credit for 20% of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures.
Brownfield Grant Program

78 Awards from FY12 - FY17

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Brownfield Grant Projects

City of Spooner

- $61,862 towards the remediation of a downtown historic roundhouse and turntable acquired by the city through condemnation. The site will be used as a public historic site and railroad theme park.

City of Antigo

- $153,000 towards the remediation of a downtown property that required at $2.6M in public and private investment and resulted in the creation of 10,000 sq. ft. office building.

La Crosse Industrial Park Corporation

- $300,000 towards the remediation of the former site of Trane Plant 6 site for a $10,700 sq. ft. commercial development. This project required a $1.4 million public investment.

Revitalize Grafton, Inc.

- $336,815 for the remediation and redevelopment of 13 properties including a former lumberyard located in the center of the community for the creation of 72 residential apartments and 10,000 sf of commercial space.

West Gateway, Inc (Cross Plains)

- $6k towards site assessment of former creamery and subsequent $288k brownfield cleanup for a $6.2M investment in a three-story apartment building with 45 units.
Site Assessment Grant Program

68 Awards from FY12 - FY17

Site Assessment Grant: Grants to assist with conducting initial environmental assessment and demolition activities on an eligible abandoned, idle or underutilized industrial or commercial site.
Village of Waunakee
- $150,000 towards the assessment and investigation of a blighted and tax-delinquent industrial property located near the downtown of the community.

City of Mauston
- $60,322 in funding site investigation and demolition activities on the blighted one acre site of the former Mauston Feed Mill

Grant County
- $9,439 towards the environmental investigation of a former gas station located in the Town of Ellenboro.

City of Alma
- $150,000 to complete a site investigation and demolition on a 6.5-acre former feed mill site.

City of Medford
- $24,214 towards site assessment and demolition of a former furniture.
Idle Site Redevelopment Program

Highly competitive program offering grants for the implementation of redevelopment plans for large industrial or commercial sites that have been idle, abandoned or underutilized for at least five years.

19 Awards from FY12 - FY17
Idle Site Redevelopment Program

➤ City of Waterloo
  • $800k towards redevelopment of the 20-acre RR Donnelly printing facility in downtown Waterloo. This project requires a $17M local public and private investment in the site.

➤ City of Wausau
  • $1m for the development of six riverfront commercial and industrial parcels (21 acres) needing utilities, public parking and public space for mixed-use development.

➤ City of La Crosse
  • $500,000 for a $33M investment in the La Crosse Plow building to create 52,809 sf of commercial space, 60 apartments and a conversion of an addition into 77,505 sf of covered parking.

➤ City of Beloit
  • $1,000,000 for a $13.1M rehabilitation of the 800,000 sf former Beloit Corp building, located on a 16 acre site, into the Ironworks North and Ironworks South.

➤ City of Merrill
  • $417k towards remediation of a brownfield for the creation of usable industrial space and riverfront trail connection.
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Community Development Investment Grant Program

79 Awards from FY12 - FY17
CDI Grant Projects

➢ City of Superior
  • $250,000 to assist in a $5.3M rehabilitation, renovation and historic preservation of the 1892 Lurye building into a mixed-use facility in downtown Superior. The redevelopment will result in four street-level commercial spaces 14 upper-floor apartments.

➢ Village of Prairie du Sac
  • $47,875 towards the redevelopment of a vacant downtown building to allow the non-profit organization River Arts Inc. to expand operations and services.

➢ City of Wisconsin Rapids
  • $472,000 award to assist a $9M effort to renovate the 19,868 sf vacant Daily Tribune building into a multi-use community asset to provide services such as workshop space, art studios, a culinary kitchen, meeting rooms, recreational rental facility, study rooms, welcome center and a rooftop social space.

➢ City of Baraboo
  • $250k towards a $3.2 million renovation of the downtown historic Al Ringling Theatre.

➢ City of Burlington
  • $200k towards $1.4 million renovation of vacant downtown property into expanded coffee shop, bakery and meeting/event space.