

USDA Rural Development has approved a loan of \$905,000.00 and a grant of \$905,000.00

Program: Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants

State/County: WI/Clark

Congressman: Tiffany, Tom (WI 07)

Senators: Baldwin, Tammy (WI), Johnson, Ron (WI)

Recipient: Thorp, City of

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing due to increased project bid costs on the following project funded in FY22: Upgrades to the City of Thorp's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The plant is more than 35 years old and in need of upgrades due to growth in the community along with not being able to accept more wastewater without biological overloading and larger flows than the original design.

The WWTP has been meeting effluent limits but has been turning away interested industries due to lack of capacity. The lagoons and the holding pond need to be dredged, they have synthetic liners that are ripped and require replacement, and there is also a need for new aeration equipment. This project will include upgrades to the aeration and lining of the lagoons and pond, a new main WWTP, and a new main lift station facility.

Loan Term: 40 years

Interest Rate: 2.25%

People Who Will Benefit: 1,621

Additional Funding: FY22 RD Loan: \$6,500,000.00, FY22 RD Grant: \$2,019,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$10,329,000.00

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$9,841.00

Program: Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants

State/County: WI/Eau Claire

Congressman: Van Orden, Derrick (WI 03)

Senators: Baldwin, Tammy (WI), Johnson, Ron (WI)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to help Aaron Wilhelm, a small business owner in Fall Creek, Wisconsin, install a roof mounted solar electric array. This project is expected to save \$1,387 per year and will replace 11,007 kilowatt hours (100 percent of the businesses' energy use) per year.

Additional Funding: Borrower Contribution: \$36,937.00

Total Project Cost: \$46,778.00

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$11,672.00

Program: Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants

State/County: WI/Trempealeau

Congressman: Van Orden, Derrick (WI 03)

Senators: Baldwin, Tammy (WI), Johnson, Ron (WI)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to help Joseph Dolle, a grain farmer located in Trempealeau, Wisconsin, install a 12-kW ground mount solar photovoltaic array. This project is expected to save \$1,545 a year, and will replace 11,528 kWh (100 percent of the company's energy use) per year.

Additional Funding: Borrower Contribution: \$30,135.00

Total Project Cost: \$41,807.00

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$54,800.00

Program: Rural Business Development Grants

State/County: WI/Chippewa

Congressman: Van Orden, Derrick (WI 03)

Senators: Baldwin, Tammy (WI), Johnson, Ron (WI)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance to small businesses in Chippewa County. Assistance involves rating feedstock and infrastructure to determine bio-economy development risks, issuing a risk rating, and marketing the area for biomass plant development based on the risk rating. This project will assist more than three area businesses.

Additional Funding: Borrower Contribution: \$10,000.00, Local Funding: \$45,200.00

Total Project Cost: \$110,000.00

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$24,500.00

Program: Community Facilities Grants

State/County: WI/Eau Claire

Congressman: Van Orden, Derrick (WI 03)

Senators: Baldwin, Tammy (WI), Johnson, Ron (WI)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase a law enforcement vehicle for the Augusta law enforcement department. The Augusta Department has three patrol vehicles, one being obligated to their K9 handler, and another to the school resource officer. The third patrol vehicle is left for general patrol and law enforcement services, which results in an inability to properly respond to all calls. Additionally, if the primary vehicle becomes mechanically disabled it would leave the area vulnerable to no law enforcement response. This project will benefit the residents of Augusta and the surrounding area including the town of Bridge Creek by ensuring the department has ample means to respond and serve the community quickly and efficiently.

People Who Will Benefit: 3,450

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$45,500.00

Total Project Cost: \$70,000.00

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$6,000.00

Program: Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants

State/County: WI/Dunn

Congressman: Van Orden, Derrick (WI 03)

Senators: Baldwin, Tammy (WI), Johnson, Ron (WI)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to help John Sippl, a cattle farming operation in Menomonie, Wisconsin, install a 9.6-kW(kilowatt) ground mount solar PV array. This project is expected to save \$927 year. It will replace 7,730 kilowatt hours (kWh), which is 100 percent of the company's energy use, per year.

Additional Funding: Borrower Contribution: \$19,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$25,000.00

USDA Rural Development has approved a loan of \$629,000.00

Program: Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants

State/County: WI/Chippewa

Congressman: Tiffany, Tom (WI 07)

Senators: Baldwin, Tammy (WI), Johnson, Ron (WI)

Recipient: Bloomer, City of

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing for upgrades to water and sewer systems of the city of Bloomer, Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources notified the city that the water distribution system exceeded lead limits. The city must remove all lead service lines and lead-jointed water main pipes. The sanitary sewer mains in the project area are near the end of their useful life and have root intrusions and broken clay-tile pipes. If left unrepaired, these will cause increased infiltration and inflow at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and increase the risk for customer back-ups. This water and sewer upgrade project will include full reconstruction of approximately five miles of city streets including replacement of about 20,000 feet of lead-jointed water main and will address failing sanitary sewer collection system components. The removal of all lead components from the water system will reduce the lead levels currently present in the drinking water and return levels in the city's drinking water to an acceptable level. The replacement of wastewater collection pipes will remove numerous sags, breaks and intrusions to maintain an operational system for many years.

Loan Term: 40 years

Interest Rate: 2.25%

People Who Will Benefit: 3,527

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,857,653.73

Program: Biofuel Producer's Relief Program

State/County: WI/Chippewa, WI/Winnebago

Congressman: Grothman, Glenn (WI 06), Tiffany, Tom (WI 07)

Senators: Baldwin, Tammy (WI), Johnson, Ron (WI)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to biofuel producers to recover from unexpected market losses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Ace Ethanol LLC is receiving additional funding for two ethanol-production facilities in Wisconsin.

Additional Funding: USDA Biofuel Payment Program: \$14,966,668.72

Total Project Cost: \$16,824,322.45

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$99,443.00

Program: Rural Business Development Grants

State/County: WI/Ashland

Congressman: Tiffany, Tom (WI 07)

Senators: Baldwin, Tammy (WI), Johnson, Ron (WI)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance through business planning, networking, and other needed resources to Bad River Tribal members and other area businesses. The project will focus on the Tribe's Sustainable Business Program and its emerging and established small-business owners. It will help at least three businesses and create six jobs.

Jobs Created: 6

Additional Funding: Borrower Contribution: \$20,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$119,443.00

USDA Rural Development has approved a loan guarantee of \$2,480,000.00

Program: Business and Industry Loan Guarantees

State/County: WI/Adams

Congressman: Van Orden, Derrick (WI 03)

Senators: Baldwin, Tammy (WI), Johnson, Ron (WI)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase and improve the Camp Lake Mason Campground in Briggsville, Wisconsin. This project will create three new jobs, and one job will be saved because of this investment.

Loan Term: 25 years

Interest Rate: 6.4%

Jobs Created: 3

Jobs Saved: 1

Lender: Citizens Community Federal

Additional Funding: Borrower Contribution: \$724,896.00

Total Project Cost: \$3,204,896.00

USDA Rural Development has approved a loan guarantee of \$21,000,000.00

Program: Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program

State/County: WI/Adams

Congressman: Van Orden, Derrick (WI 03)

Senators: Baldwin, Tammy (WI), Johnson, Ron (WI)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to help support Top Tier Ingredients to finance a new potato dehydration facility in Hancock, Wisconsin. The facility will produce potato flake and potato flour ingredients used for the baking and snack food industry. Once operational, the business will have the capacity to process 20-22 million pounds of flakes annually.

Interest Rate: 6.668%

Jobs Created: 18

Lender: COMPEER FINANCIAL, FLCA

Additional Funding: Other Financing : \$10,000,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$31,000,000.00

USDA Rural Development has approved a loan of \$406,000.00 and a grant of \$443,000.00

Program: Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants

State/County: WI/Chippewa

Congressman: Tiffany, Tom (WI 07)

Senators: Baldwin, Tammy (WI), Johnson, Ron (WI)

Recipient: Bloomer, City of

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing due to increased project bid costs on the following project funded in FY21: Upgrades to the City of Bloomer water and sewer systems. The WDNR notified the city that the water distribution system exceeded lead limits and the city is required to remove all lead service lines and lead-jointed water main pipe. The sanitary sewer mains in the project area are nearing the end of their useful life, have clay tile pipes that are broken, and have root intrusions. These issues if left unattended will cause increased I/I at the WWTP and increase the risk for customer back-ups. This water and sewer upgrade project will include full reconstruction of approximately five miles of city streets including replacement of about 20,000 feet of lead-jointed water main and will address failing sanitary sewer collection system components. The removal of all lead components from the water system will reduce the lead levels currently present in the drinking water and return lead levels in the city's drinking water to an acceptable level. The replacement of wastewater collection pipes will remove numerous sags, breaks and intrusions so that the system can operate for many years to come.

Loan Term: 40 years

Interest Rate: 2.25%

People Who Will Benefit: 3,527

Additional Funding: RD FY 21 Loan Funds : \$9,950,000.00, RD FY 21 Grant Funds : \$3,807,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$14,606,000.00