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## DOA Announces \$78,000 in Community Development Block Grant Planning Funds

The Department of Administration (DOA) announces it has awarded \$78,000 in Community Development Block Grant Planning Funds. These funds will help rebuild and revitalize Wisconsin communities through planned economic development or public infrastructure projects.

“These funds will help communities across Wisconsin redevelop and revitalize deteriorated and blighted infrastructure within their communities and create new opportunities for their residents,” said DOA Secretary Mike Huebsch.

Community Development Block Grant Planning Funds (CDBG-PF) support community efforts to address improving community opportunities and vitality. Grants are limited to projects that, if implemented, would meet a CDBG National Objective, such as economic development or a public infrastructure project. Funds are awarded through an annual competitive process.

DOA’s Division of Housing approved these grants. Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A full list of award winners is listed below:

<b>Community Development Block Grant Planning Funds</b>		
<b>Award Recipient</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
City of Rhinelander	\$15,000	Create a downtown revitalization plan driven by the presence of deteriorated infrastructure.
Village of Cashton	\$15,570	Assist with forming a Downtown Revitalization and Development Plan for its business district along the State Highway 33 corridor.
Village of Frederic	\$25,000	Assist in creating a Community Development Plan with a focus on low-income and blighted property areas near and within the historic downtown business district.
Village of Hatley	\$11,250	Assist with creating a Redevelopment Plan for three blighted adjacent parcels in the village.
Village of Lyndon Station	\$11,000	Assist with creating an Economic Development Plan that will allow the Village to identify strategies for expansion of the Village Industrial Park.

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