

## **Rural Vitality Grants**

The Fond du Lac Area Foundation and Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation are honored to partner with Compeer Financial to support rural vitality in our communities. The Rural Vitality grant cycle focuses on helping communities of less than 10,000 people or rural micropolitans of less than 50,000 people to create and maintain an active, strong, and thriving economy. Fond du Lac and Dodge County nonprofits and schools are eligible to apply, with the City of Fond du Lac and City of Beaver Dam being ineligible due to population.

This granting cycle there is approximately \$50,000 available to fulfill grant requests. **Requests may be \$500 - \$25,000.**

Rural Vitality Grant applications are **only** accepted through the Fond du Lac Area Foundation's online portal.

### **Approved Areas for Granting:**

- Agriculture
  - Programs, projects, and services that enhance the agricultural landscape and opportunities.
- Community Development
  - Contributing to the essential needs of the community, encompassing healthcare, daycare, and other areas impacting the quality of life for all community members.
- Entrepreneurship/Small Business Development
  - Helping creative, cutting-edge entrepreneurs and/or small business owners.
- Housing Expansion
  - Rural housing enhancements to single family, multifamily and work force housing.
- Youth and Adult Leadership Development
  - Inspire, train, and promote leadership for both youth and adults.
- Rural School Education
  - Enhancing programming, innovations, and experiences at preK-12 schools to ensure students have access to world-class education.
- Workforce Development
  - Attracting, retaining, training, and sustaining community members to vital careers and jobs in the community and agriculture.

### **Requests Not Considered**

- Sporting teams, activities, recreation
- Arts and culture-related activities
- Scholarships
- Endowments

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