

Subject: **Changes to the Wisconsin Fund (Updated 2/1/2018)**
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Changes to the Wisconsin Fund (Updated 2/1/18)

This memo contains important information about the future of the Wisconsin Fund Program. The 2017-2019 bi-annual state budget known as 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, contains two critical changes:

- The environmental loan program which allowed no-interest loans to counties for applicants who did not qualify for a grant was eliminated. This change was effective immediately upon passage of the budget. No applications were ever received for this option during the history of the program.
- The grant option under the Wisconsin Fund will sunset on June 30, 2021 at the end of the next bi-annual state budget. To qualify for a grant before the program ends, applications to the Department from participating counties must be postmarked by January 31, 2020. **Replacement POWTS with grants approved during the final budget cycle must be installed before the program sunsets on June 30, 2021. This date is highlighted as the project period for installation of replacement systems ordinarily ends on December 31 following an approved grant.**

The budget allocates \$840,000 over the next two years.

Pursuant to s. 145.245 (9) (a), Stats, a governmental unit must comply with the maintenance provisions of this section as a condition for obtaining Wisconsin Fund grants.

If you have any questions, please contact JoEllen Denure at (608)266-3998 or Brad Johnson at (920)492-5605.