

Center on Self-Employment

National Center on Self-Employment, Business Ownership, and Telecommuting

WISCONSIN SELF-EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

1. Wisconsin Telework Loan Program

Statewide program that allows Wisconsin residents with disabilities to purchase computers and other equipment needed to work from home or other remote sites including self-employment.

Up to 50K offered in loans.

<https://adrcswwi.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Planning-for-the-Future-Booklet.pdf>

[WisTech: WisLoan and Telework | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)

[WisLoan/Telework \(independencefirst.org\)](#)

2. Easter Seals Guide to Self-Employment for People with Disabilities

A guide to self-employment for people with disabilities by Julie Jensen, Easter Seals expert in self-employment.

<https://www.easterseals.com/our-programs/employment-training/self-employment-people-with-disabilities.html>

3. Little Chute Small Business Loan Program

Provides loans of up to 30K for small businesses in this city.

<https://www.littlechutewi.org/118/Small-Business-Micro-Loan-Program>

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4. Bay Lake Regional Planning Commission Microloan Program

The Disaster Recovery Microloan Program provides 0% interest loans up to \$20,000, for businesses impacted by natural disasters in the region. The Bay-Lake RPC region includes Brown, Door, Florence, Kewaunee, Marinette, Manitowoc, Oconto, and Sheboygan Counties.

<https://baylakerpc.org/services/economic-development/disaster-recovery-microloan-program>

5. Mainstream Bounce back Grant Program

The Main Street Bounce back Grant Program provides \$10,000 to new or existing businesses and non-profit organizations moving into vacant properties in Wisconsin's downtowns and commercial corridors.

<https://baylakerpc.org/mainstreet>

6. City of Black River Falls Microloan Program

Provides 10K loans of 0% interest with 5-year payback period to companies affected by Covid 19.

<https://blackriverfalls.us/interest-free-loans-available-to-local-businesses/>

7. Disabled Expanded Certification Program

Provides enhanced opportunities for job interviews for candidates with disabilities who are applying for jobs with the State of Wisconsin.

<https://dpm.wi.gov/Pages/Disability-Resources.aspx>

8. West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Loan Program

Provides funding for businesses affected by natural disaster in Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Polk, and St. Croix) counties; provides loans of 15K for 0% for 2 years.

<https://www.eauclaireddevelopment.com/documents/Disaster-Recovery-Microloan-Fund-Program-2019.pdf>

9. Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Provides funding to tech companies which are seeking federal grants.

https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/EI_EMG_FY22_AAC_clean.pdf

10. Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation – Wisconsin Technology Development Loans

Provides funding to select high tech companies that are trying to commercialize their technology through Wisconsin Technology Development Loans; they provide funding for up to 20% of a technology project.

[Technology Development Loans | WEDC](#)

11. Great Lakes ADA Center

Provides generalized information on the Americans with Disabilities for Wisconsin residents with disabilities.

<https://www.adagreatlakes.org/>

12. Telecommunication Equipment Purchase Program

Allows people with disabilities to obtain loans to purchase specialized phones and phone-related equipment needed for accessibility.

<http://psc.wi.gov/consumerinfo/assistanceprograms/tepp/tepp-ind.html>

<https://www.cilww.com/funding-resources>

13. WisLoan

WisLoan is an alternative loan program to assist persons with disabilities who live in Wisconsin and wish to purchase assistive technology, adaptive equipment or make accessible modifications to their homes.

Applicant must have a disability or be purchasing assistive technology for a person with a disability.

Also provides loans for assistive technology for people with disabilities.

<https://www.cilww.com/funding-resources/>

14. Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Center

Provides loans and training for both female and male entrepreneurs.

- Loans range from \$1,000 to \$100,000 and can range up to \$250,000 utilizing an SBA Community Advantage Guarantee.
- Interest Rates: Fixed but vary according to prime rates and WWBIC funding sources. Terms: Vary with the loan size and purpose. The maximum term is 72 months (up to 120 months with SBA Community Advantage Guarantee) with no pre-payment penalty.
- Lines of credit are also available.
- Eligible uses: Machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures, leasehold improvements, inventory, supplies and working capital.

They also offer a wide range of courses and information on different aspects of self-employment.

<https://www.wwbic.com/about-wwbic/faq/#loansfaq>

15. Entrepreneur Fund

Provides loans of 1K to 50K to emerging entrepreneurs.

<https://www.entrepreneurfund.org/what-we-do/tools-and-knowledge/ef-expert-network/>

16. Advocap Auto Loans for Employed Workers

Provides 0% interest loans for employed workers to buy and repair a used car.

- Provides loans of up to 7K for purchasing a vehicle
- May also get a \$1,000 loan for up to 75% of the cost of repairing a vehicle.

- Also provides loans of \$100 to \$550 to help pay the cost of minor traffic violations and reinstate their driving privileges.
- Must live in Calumet, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, or Winnebago Counties
- Must be currently and continuously employed for three months and working at least 20 hours per week.

<http://advocap.org/transportation.html>

17. Impact Seven

Provides loans of 10K to 5M to entrepreneurs.

<https://www.impactseven.org/business-lending/>

18. Cap Services

Provides loans and technical assistance to small businesses.

<https://capservices.org/what-we-do/business/smallbiz/>

19. FACC Loans

Provides loans to Native America and other minority small business owners.

- Loan Size - \$5,000 to \$250,000; interest rates are 6% to 12%
- Note Terms - Note terms up to 6 years are available for SBA Microloans. All other loans will have a maximum term of 3-6 years.
- Personal guarantees and a business plan are required.

<https://www.aiccw-facc.org/business-loans>

20. University of Wisconsin Madison Entrepreneurship Resources

Provides a list of entrepreneurship resources at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

<https://d2p.wisc.edu/about/>

21. Bizstarts

Provides support and mentorship to entrepreneurs in Milwaukee.

<https://bizstarts.com/entrepreneurs>

22. Starting Block Wisconsin

Provides support and mentoring to entrepreneurs.

<https://www.startingblockmadison.org>

23. Ward 4 Milwaukee

Provides support to entrepreneurs.

<https://www.ward4mke.com/>

24. Whitewater University Technology Park

Provides support to technology startups and to work with the University of Wisconsin Whitewater.

<https://whitwatertechpark.org/>

25. Wisconsin Business Incubators Support Association

A trade group for business incubators.

<https://www.wbisa.org/>

26. MDBL Micro Business Development Loans

Provides microloans to small businesses that create jobs.

<https://www.cwcac.org/programs-services/micro-business-development-loans/>

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- The loan rate is fixed at 5% and the loan amount can be between \$1,000 and \$10,000.
- Must be located in, or propose to locate in, South Central Wisconsin (Counties of Adams, Columbia, Dodge, Juneau or Sauk). Create and/or retain a minimum of one job per \$10,000 loan (outside of owner).
- Must demonstrate ability to repay the loan.
- Must have annual sales of less than 100K and 10 or fewer employees.
- Eligible activities include acquisition of equipment, machinery, furniture and fixtures; new working capital; site improvements; leasehold improvements; building acquisition; or building renovation.
- Adequate Collateral & Security Requirements will be sought on all micro-loans.

<https://www.cwcac.org/programs-services/micro-business-development-loans/>