

Multipurpose Grant - City of Oconto

Initial Configuration

county, municipality, city, town

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I do not have an active EPA Brownfields Assessment or Multipurpose Grant.

Initial Configuration

Yes

B.1 | Applicant Identification

City of Oconto, 1210 Main St., Oconto, WI 54153

B.2 | Website URL

<https://cityofoconto.com/>

B.3.a. | Grant Type

Multipurpose

B.3.b | Federal Funds Requested

Federal Funds Requested: **\$855,500**

B.4 | Location

- a) City of Oconto
- b) Oconto County
- c) Wisconsin

B.5 | Target Area and Priority Site Information

The target area is Census Tracts 1009 and 1010 within the City of Oconto, WI. The following addresses are intended for repurpose:

- 125 Congress St, Oconto, WI 54153
- 127 Congress St, Oconto, WI 54153
- 1104/1106 Main St., Oconto, WI 54153
- 405 First St, Oconto, WI 54153
- 1532 Main St., Oconto, WI 54153

B.6.a | Project Director

Project Director: Brittney Burrue, 920-834-7711, admin@cityofocontowi.gov, 1210 Main St., Oconto, WI 54153

B.6.b | Chief Executive/Highest Ranking Elected Official

Cliff Martin, 920-834-7711, mayor@cityofocountwi.gov

B.7 | Population

Population of 4,609

B.8 | Other Factors

Providing Information on the Other Factors	Page #
Community population is 15,000 or less. Yes, population is 4,609	2
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian Tribe or United States Territory. N/A	
The priority site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land. No	
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them). Yes, it is located on the Oconto River	3
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain. Yes	3
The reuse of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy. Encouraged but unknown at this time	3
The reuse of the priority site(s) will incorporate energy efficiency measures. Yes	3
The proposed project will improve local resilience to the impacts of extreme weather events and natural disasters. No	
At least 20% of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse/area-wide planning activities, as described in Section 3.A.(2)., for priority site(s) within the target area(s). No	
The target area(s) is impacted by a coal-fired power plant that has recently closed (2015 or later) or is closing. No	

B.9 | Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority

Please find attached a letter dated January 23, 2026 from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources acknowledging our intent to apply for FY26 grant funds and conduct assessment activities.

B.10 | Releasing Copies of Applications

No components of this application are confidential

C.1.a. | Overview of Brownfield Challenges and Description of Target Area

The City of Oconto seeks to assess and plan for the revitalization of Census Tracts 1009 and 1010 of Oconto County. Within these Census Tracts there are 5 parcels which have known and unknown contaminants to be assessed. We refer to these Census Tract areas as the downtown and riverfront corridor. These buildings are unsuitable for habitation or commercial purposes and are in danger of

becoming a public health hazard to the general public. This grant will help obtain the necessary assessments and remediation to repurpose, reuse and revitalize segments of the City of Oconto.

Site Name	Owner	Acreage	Location	Contaminant
1 Former Oconto Memorial Hospital	City of Oconto	0.86	405 First St., Oconto	Asbestos & lead
2 Oconto Laundromat	Steve & Sara Kornita	0.215	1104 & 1106 Main St., Oconto	VOC, asbestos, building disrepair
3 Former Full Throttle Bar	Michael & Janice Gibeault	0.12	127 Congress St., Oconto	Asbestos, building disrepair
4 Former real estate office	Bryce Hearley	0.08	125 Congress St., Oconto	Asbestos, building in disrepair
5 Riverfront Industrial Site	John Schmit	2.662	1532 Main St., Oconto	Petroleum tanks & heavy metals

C.1.b. | Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s)

The City has prioritized the former Oconto Memorial Hospital, built in 1887 and located at 405 First St., for assessment and remediation. The City of Oconto owns the approximately 37,000 square foot building, which has been vacant for over 22 years. The site was first developed as a government building and quickly converted into a hospital and remained in that use until 2008. The building was purchased by a developer for conversion into condos; however, the property was later taken by the tax deed process in 2017 and quit claim deeded to the City of Oconto (see attachment 1). The building sits on the southern banks of the Oconto River, with about 280 feet of river frontage and just under 2 miles west of the confluence with Green Bay. The priority site is in a federally recognized flood plain.

The building has documented asbestos and lead contaminants, which has been confirmed through studies performed by the NorthStar Environmental Testing. Other contaminants may exist on site; however, no environmental site assessments have been performed to date.

This building is approximately 37,000 square feet on a 0.86 parcel with an adjoining parcel that is a parking lot. The sites proximity to the Oconto River, Bay of Green Bay and the City of Oconto's downtown make it a prime spot for remediation, reuse planning and revitalization. A goal that the community has embraced by forming a taskforce for the site's redevelopment. The City recognizes this site will be the catalyst for additional economic growth within the City of Oconto and Oconto County.

While the historic structure is in excellent condition, it has been problematic for the City to maintain as area youth have trespassed, broken in and vandalized the interior of the building. While the City has fortified the building against trespassers, curiosity of residents has consistently proven to be no match for the City's efforts to keep people and animals out. There are significant public health concerns that trespassers will unintentionally disturb asbestos that has been found in the pipe insulation, floor tiles and more, which would lead to very serious and long-term health impacts.

Developers have been interested in this site in the past, however, the hurdle of renovating this structure with asbestos and other unknown contaminants has proven to be too big of a risk. The City intends to use EPA Brownfields Multipurpose grant funds to have the asbestos and lead removed from the site, conduct phase I and II environmental site assessment and create a plan for redeveloping the site, including options to renovate the structure or demo the site for a new development. Any redevelopment effort will be required to install energy and water efficient systems.

C.1.c. | Identifying Additional Sites

The City of Oconto will use a public process to identify additional sites for eligible activities within the target area, if grant funds remain after addressing the former Oconto Memorial Hospital site. Public meetings will be held to explain the circumstances with residents and property owners within the target area. The City will also create a brownfield inventory to be used to identify future sites for assessment, clean up and reuse.

The City will also seek proposals from interested property owners through a request for proposals process. The submitted proposals will be awarded based on cost efficiency and location of parcels that best meet the City's goal to revitalize its downtown and riverfront corridor.

C.1.d. | Overall Plan for Revitalization

The City of Oconto does not have an overall plan for revitalizing their downtown and riverfront corridors currently. However, the EPA Brownfields Multipurpose Grant will enable the City to implement a coordinated and strategic approach to brownfield revitalization that moves multiple sites from environmental uncertainty to redevelopment readiness. The proposed assessment, cleanup, and planning activities will be integrated into a single, citywide framework that supports downtown and riverfront revitalization while addressing site-specific environmental conditions and reuse opportunities.

Grant-funded activities will result in a comprehensive understanding of environmental conditions across five underutilized parcels. Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments will identify and quantify asbestos, lead, petroleum-related contamination, underground storage tanks, and other hazardous substances. Cleanup planning and remediation activities will then be tailored to each parcel's conditions and intended reuse, ensuring that cleanup decisions directly support redevelopment goals.

By addressing multiple sites concurrently under a single Multipurpose Grant, the City will leverage efficiencies in consultant services, regulatory coordination, and community engagement. This coordinated approach allows Oconto to prioritize sites based on redevelopment potential, public health risk, and alignment with local planning objectives, while maintaining flexibility to advance sites as conditions and opportunities evolve.

The results of these activities will be a portfolio of brownfield sites with documented environmental conditions, completed or planned cleanups, and clear pathways to reuse. Collectively, this portfolio will form the foundation of an overall revitalization plan for Oconto's downtown and riverfront corridor.

The City's downtown and riverfront have been identified as priority areas for reinvestment due to their visibility, proximity to existing infrastructure, and importance to community identity. Cleanup of these brownfield sites supports broader municipal goals, including economic development, expanded public access to the riverfront, small business growth, and improved quality of life.

Grant activities will be coordinated with existing City planning efforts, zoning regulations, and economic development initiatives to ensure that environmental cleanup directly enables feasible and market-supported reuse. Early engagement with developers, local businesses, and public partners will help refine reuse concepts and reduce redevelopment risk. The City has proven its dedication to the redevelopment of the downtown and riverfront corridor through the creation of Tax Increment District 5 (TID).

EPA grant-funded activities will advance a feasible reuse strategy for this site by:

- Completing detailed site characterization to define cleanup requirements and costs;
- Implementing targeted remediation actions that are protective of human health and the environment;

- Coordinating cleanup levels with anticipated future land use to avoid over- or under-remediation.

The City anticipates reuse of the priority site for mixed-use or community-oriented development that may include commercial space, public riverfront access and recreational amenities. The site’s location, existing infrastructure, and market context support these uses, and cleanup activities will be designed to make the site immediately attractive to redevelopment partners.

C.1.e. | Outcomes and Benefits of Overall Plan for Revitalization

The City of Oconto is a rural community made up of 4,609 residents. The intention of revitalizing the downtown and riverfront corridor is to create an overall strategic plan for the economic vitality and population growth of the City. This is needed to maintain employment and services in both the private and public sectors. The outcome of an overall plan is the systematic approach to cleaning up brownfield sites, creating plans for redevelopment, seeking partners for reuse of those sites and eventually improving the health and quality of life for residents.

Our priority site of the former Oconto Memorial Hospital could be a mixed-use development in which jobs are created, bring additional amenities for residents and tourists to patronize as well as bringing back to service an important building in Oconto’s history. The reuse of this property will turn a eye sore into a vibrant, historic building that is a symbol of our community pride.

It is our intention that all redevelopment of our brownfield site incorporate energy efficiencies and possibly renewable energy.

C.1.f. | Resources Needed for Site Reuse

Name of Resource	Is the Resource for (1.c.e) Assessment, (1.c.f) Remediation, or (1.c.g) Reuse Activities?	Is the Resource Secured or Unsecured?	Additional Details or Information About the Resource
TID 5	Reuse planning and redevelopment	Secured	pending developer's agreement
WEDC CDI	Remediation and redevelopment	unsecured	Will be applying in FY 27
Greater Green Bay Community Foundation	Reuse Activities	unsecured	Applying in April 2026

C.1.g. | Use of Existing Infrastructure

This grant will facilitate the use of existing infrastructure at the priority site and within the target area. Infrastructure at this site is in good shape other than there will need to be upgrades to the existing seawall along the Oconto River.

C.2.a | The Community's Need for Funding

The economic and demographic reality of the City of Oconto provides an inability to draw on non-grant funding resources to carry out environmental site assessments, remediation and planning activities for these sites. The City of Oconto is a small rural community with a total population of 4,609. The median age (47.4 years old) of Oconto is higher than the national age (39.2 years old) while the median household income and median home value for the City of Oconto is considerably

lower than the national average. Income in Oconto is \$62,704 compared to \$77,719 at the national level. Home values are \$137,900 in Oconto and almost two-thirds higher at \$372,600 nationwide.

Given the number of elderly residents living on fixed incomes in the community, it is not feasible for the City to conduct these activities without the financial assistance of this grant.

C.2.b. | Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations

This grant will address environmental issues that could harm sensitive populations that reside within the City. Sensitive populations include those who are considered a senior citizen or elderly or have serious disease burdens such as heart disease, cancer and chronic respiratory illnesses.

These sites for assessment are a public health risk through the deterioration of buildings and the construction materials within these buildings. They also pose additional risks due to unknown contaminants, such as VOCs, underground storage tanks and other soil contamination.

According to the National Cancer Institute and Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative, rates of cancer in Oconto County are higher than the State of Wisconsin. Oconto County has the unfortunate distinction of having more cases of female breast cancer (147.8), lung cancer (55) and colorectal cancer (39.2) per 100,000 people than the state of Wisconsin.

C.2.c. | Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions

Statistics for the City of Oconto cannot be found on this topic, however, data for Oconto County shows that rates of asthma, cancer, heart disease and birth defects are not higher than the State or National average.

Residents of Oconto County have reported more "Poor Physical Health Days" than the State and National average. Rates of diabetes and adult obesity are also higher than the State and National averages. These health impacts make many of the residents of the City of Oconto susceptible to illness brought on by environmental factors such as VOCs, soil contamination, lead and asbestos.

The City's cleanup strategy will aid in preventing vulnerable populations in the City from getting even sicker by eliminating exposure to contaminants. The reuse plan will also examine the need for additional recreational space for all residents, no matter their income level, to participate in healthy outdoor recreational activities.

C.2.d | Economically Impoverished / Disproportionately Impacted Populations

A disproportionate and adverse impact on the residents of the City of Oconto is the vacant, degraded physical infrastructure and poorly maintained structures located within the target area. All 5 sites are vacant, contain serious health hazards that are both structural in nature and toxic to human health. These cause stressors by which the City on its own cannot remediate these toxins.

The cleanup of the target area will lead to incredible economic benefit such as increased local equalized value and job creation. The City does have a small amount of funding in the tax increment finance district that several of these buildings are in to assist in cleaning up and rebuilding infrastructure so that these sites go from being a burden on the community to giving back value to the City and its residents.

This project will also take pressure away from the need for urban sprawl by increasing density within the City's downtown and riverfront area. The City is surrounded by wetlands and farmland. By turning our focus to the reuse and revitalization of the downtown, the pressure to develop green space will be lessened allowing for better resilience and maintaining wildlife habitat.

Without the assessment and reuse of many of the buildings in the downtown and riverfront area, these vacant and dilapidated buildings will never be redeveloped or reused further decaying those structures and the City's tax base.

C.2.e. | Prior/Ongoing Community Involvement

The City of Oconto has established an Ad Hoc Committee specifically tasked with assessing, remediating and planning for reuse of their priority site, the former Oconto Memorial Hospital. Committee members are made up of city council members, city staff and residents with expertise in construction, real estate and Oconto's history. These meetings are open to the public, take and publish meeting minutes and are routinely reported on by the Peshtigo Times, a local newspaper.

C.2.f. | Project Involvement

While the City of Oconto is small rural community, we are involving as many organizations and stakeholders as possible in this process. We are partnering with TEDCOR, our local economic development organization, the Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce, members of the Old Hospital Ad Hoc Committee and the property owners of the 5 sites for assessment.

C.2.g. | Project Roles

Name of organization/entity/group	Entity's Mission	Point of contact (name & email)	Specific involvement in the project or assistance provided
Old Hospital Ad Hoc Committee	Revitalize the former Oconto Memorial Hospital site	Brittney Burruel admin@cityofocntowi.gov	Assist in the reuse planning process
TEDCOR	Increase investment within Oconto County	Jayme Sellen jsellen@tedcor.org	Assist with funding, grant writing and engaging entities to redevelop the target area

C.2.h. | Incorporating Community Input

The City will send letters to property owners within 300 feet of each property about the work that is being conducted to clean up these parcels and bring them back to a condition for commerce or residential use. The City will also hold a series of public listening sessions soliciting feedback on potential reuse plans, in which they will invite local reporters, property owners, stakeholders and community members. When feedback is collected and reuse plans are created, additional public sessions will be held to keep the community informed. The Mayor of Oconto will also include updates in his quarterly newsletter which is posted on the City's website and Facebook page.

C.3.a. | Project Implementation

Task/Activity: Environmental Assessments Phase I & II
<p>a. Project Implementation: Upon completion of a request for proposals process, the City would hire consultant(s) to perform Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments and planning activities for reuse on all 5 sites within the target area. EPA funds will be used to hire the experts needed to assess, plan and remediate the target area.</p>

b. Anticipated Project Schedule: Year 1: All contractors will be selected to perform environmental assessment. Qualified Environmental Professionals would be procured to do this work. Year 2: Environmental Assessments are completed. An inventory of other parcels within the City's target area would be conducted as well. Site specific ABCA would be developed.

c. Task/Activity Lead: The City of Oconto will take the lead in project managing and overseeing the qualified environmental professionals, consultants and other contracted work.

d. Outputs: 5 environmental site assessments phase I and II

Task/Activity: Reuse Planning Activities

a. Project Implementation: Upon completion of a request for proposals process, the City would hire consultant to begin the reuse planning process. Consultants will hold public sessions to gather feedback from residents and other stakeholders.

b. Anticipated Project Schedule

Year 1: Consultant selected who will gather economic and demographic data, host public sessions and survey residents and stakeholders. Pending funding, feasibility studies would be performed.

Year 2: Begin to develop a reuse plan that will be vetted by the public and the Oconto City Council.

Year 3: Finalize reuse plan for the City to implement.

c. Task/Activity Lead: The City of Oconto will take the lead in project managing and overseeing the planning consultants.

d. Outputs: 1 overall revitalization plan for the City's downtown and riverfront corridor

Task/Activity: Cleanup of Priority Site

a. Project Implementation: Upon completion of a request for proposals process, the City would hire contractors that will remediate the asbestos, lead and other contaminants from the priority site. A consultant will be hired to monitor the site for health impacts.

b. Anticipated Project Schedule

Year 1: Contractors will be selected to perform remediation work. Environmental Assessments will be performed

Year 2: Site specific ABCA would be developed.

Year 3: Remediation activities of priority site has concluded. Work with consultant to monitor the sites for hazardous substances.

c. Task/Activity Lead: The City of Oconto's building inspector will take the lead in project managing and overseeing the qualified environmental professionals.

d. Outputs: clean up and removal of hazards from the former Oconto Memorial Hospital building the parcel (asbestos survey already conducted on this site), finalized Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives documentation, quarterly reports to the public, cleanup completion reports.

C.3.b. | Anticipated Project Schedule

Y1 Q1: Develop RFP for all services needed for this project, including but not limited to qualified environmental professionals, remediation services, planning consultants and engineering firms.

Y1Q2: Send out RFP for vendor responses

Y1Q3: Evaluate and award contracts based on RFP process

Y1Q4: Begin the environmental assessment work.

Y2Q1: Complete 5 environmental assessments, work with planning consultants on process to obtain community feedback

Y2Q2: Host listen sessions to solicit ideas for the revitalization of target area and priority site.

Y2Q3: Conduct feasibility study for target area & priority site

Y2Q4: Develop 1 draft of reuse plan for target area

Y3Q1: Environmental professionals begin work to remove asbestos and lead contaminants from priority site according to an asbestos survey completed in 2025.

Y3Q2: Present draft reuse plan to public for comment & begin to monitor cleanup sites with public health partners

Y4Q1: Develop plan to seek developers for the target area.

Y4Q2: Complete the cleanup of the priority site & continue to monitor site

C.3.c. | Task/Activity Lead

The City of Oconto will be the lead in ensuring all tasks associated with this grant are monitored and performed on time and budget. The City Administrator will work with the department heads for Public Works and Building Inspection to oversee contractors and sub-awardees to ensure that quarterly progress reports are completed. The City will contract with an approved consulting firm to act as the leading agency on health monitoring activities. The local public health agency does not have the expertise needed to conduct this work.

C.3.d. | Outputs

The outputs for this project are the following:

- 5 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments and 1 Phase II Environmental Site Assessment
- The removal of lead, asbestos and other contaminants at the historic former Oconto Memorial Hospital site (37,000 square foot building), with cleanup completion report
- 1 downtown and riverfront corridor reuse and revitalization plan
- 16 Quarterly progress reports on cleanup progress
- 4 annual financial reports
- Health monitoring reports for the priority site (former Oconto Memorial Hospital)

C.3.e. | Cost Estimates

Budget Categories		Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	Administrative Costs	Total
1	Personnel	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
2	Fringe Benefits	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
3	Travel*	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
4	Equipment**	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5	Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 500	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
6	Contractual	\$ 45,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 202,500
7	Construction***	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 490,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 502,500
8	Other (include subawards and specific participant support costs such as stipends)(specify type)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 150,000
9	Total Direct Costs****	\$ 45,000	\$ 30,500	\$ 190,000	\$ 565,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 855,500
10	Indirect Costs****	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
11	Total Budget	\$ 45,000	\$ 30,500	\$ 190,000	\$ 565,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 855,500
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C.3.f. | Environmental Progress and Results

Contracted service providers will be responsible to track and evaluate the progress of this project. City Council, along with staff, will ensure contractors follow all measurement and reporting requirements agreed upon in the contracts. Quarterly reports will be given to the City's Building & Property Inspection Committee. These reports will be tracked through an Excel spreadsheet. The results of this work will also be made available for the public to review through meeting minutes posted on the City's website.

Outcomes of cleanup work will be photographically documented before and after the start of the project. Jobs created, additional funding leveraged through the grant, increased equalized value and acres made ready for reuse will all be reported during, at the conclusion of the project as well as several years after completion.

C.4.a. | Organizational Capacity

The City of Oconto has administered several large state and federal grants in the past. Below is a summary of the state and federal grants the City has successfully administered.

2005 – Dredging - \$1,100,000 – HAP

2012 – Pecor St - \$504,847 – LRIP
2013 – Sidewalks - \$97,505 – SRTS – Federal D.O.T
2014 – Dredging - \$1,520,270 – HAP
2019 – Doran Ave - \$282,203 – LRIP
2023 – Arbutus Ave - \$97,505.00 – Federal D.O.T
2024 – Spies Rd/Yacht Club Rd - \$335,000 LRIP
2025 – Merril St/Bridge St - \$33,000 – LRIP

The City is audited on an annual basis by an outside CPA firm.

C.4.b. | Organizational Structure

The City Council and Mayor for Oconto employ an administrator who oversees the eight department heads. There are two primary departments that will support the management and administration of this grant. The Building Inspection and Public Works Departments have the capacity to manage all the contracted services and construction activities for this grant. These leaders will report to the Building and Property Inspection Committee, which is made up of members of the City Council.

This is the same process the City has used for granting funded projects including the dredging of the Oconto River and several transportation projects, including the Highway 41 bypass.

C.4.c. | Description of Key Staff

Project Manager Britteny Burrue, Administrator

Technical Contact: Joe Last, Building Inspector

Decision Maker: Building & Inspection Committee

Procurement expert: Britteny Burrue, Administrator

The Building and Inspection Committee holds regularly scheduled monthly meetings to vet out, take reports and approve expenditures. The actions of the Building and Inspection Committee then go to the full board for approval within a week of their meeting. If expenditures need to be made prior to a scheduled committee meeting, a special meeting will be called and the Committee of the Whole (made up of all City Council members) will take final action on the expenditure.

Jayne Sellen, the Executive Director of TEDCOR, the local economic development organization, will assist the City with engaging stakeholders for our reuse planning efforts. TEDCOR will also assist in securing additional funding sources for the redevelopment of remediated sites in the target area.

C.4.d. | Acquiring Additional Resources

The City will follow the requirements of competitive procurement standards found in 2 CFR 200.317-326 for the hiring of outside experts and contractors. No contractors or outside experts have been or will be selected until funding for this project is secured through the EPA or other sources.

C.4.e.1. | Currently Has or Previously Received an EPA Brownfields Grant

The City of Oconto has successfully remediated the site of the former Bond Pickle Factory. This site has been reused as a commercial district with several businesses.

C.4.e.2. | Compliance with Grant Requirements

The City of Oconto has submitted all ACRES, quarterly and annual reports have been submitted on time, in compliance with grant requirements.

The City does not have any open grants with the EPA.

C.4.f.1. | Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Financial Assistance Agreements

The City received federal funding in 2007 for the remediation of the Kelly (Bond) Pickle site.

C.4.f.2. | Compliance with Grant Requirements

City staff has turned over since the last time they were awarded an EPA brownfield grant; however, records indicate that all required reports, workplans and schedules were maintained in compliance with the grant. The former Kelly (Bond) Pickle site has been fully remediated and new commercial businesses have been successfully located on that site.

C.4.g. | Never Received Any Type of Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements

N/A

1. | Applicant Eligibility

The City of Oconto, as a municipal government, is an eligible entity for funding under an EPA Brownfield Multipurpose Grant.

1.b. | Applicant Eligibility 501(c) 4 Status

N/A

2. | Community Involvement

The City of Oconto will hold public hearings and listening sessions to keep the public informed of the progress on the grant funded work. The City, with the assistance of planning consultants, will also receive comments, feedback and answer questions about reuse plans for the target area. All meetings will be open to the public and are streamed online.

3. | Target Area

The target area is Census Tracts 1009 and 1010 with specific parcels located at:

405 First Street

1104/1106 Main Street

1532 Main Street

125 Congress St

127 Congress St.

Please see attached maps.

4. | Affirmation of Brownfields Site Ownership

I affirm that the City of Oconto is the sole owner of a brownfields site as defined under CERCLA § 101(39) and that the site is a) not listed or proposed for listing on the National Priorities List; b) not subject to unilateral administrative orders, court orders, administrative orders on consent, or judicial

consent decrees issued to or entered into by parties under CERCLA; and c) not subject to the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the U.S. government. See Attachment 1 for priority site deed.

5. | Use of Grant Funds

Page 9 of this document indicates our project's intent to conduct multiple Phase II environmental site assessments.

Page 3 of this document describes our intent to remediate our priority site, the former Oconto Memorial Hospital.

Pages 4 and 5 of this document outline the City's plan to develop a plan to revitalize the overall target area, which includes our priority site and downtown and riverfront corridors.

6. | Expenditure of Existing Grant Funds

The City of Oconto does not have any open EPA grants at this time.

7. | Contractors and Named Subrecipients

N/A

No contractors or subrecipients have been selected to perform work on this project.

Attachment 2 – DNR Letter of Acknowledgement

State of Wisconsin
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
101 S. Webster Street
Box 7921
Madison WI 53707-7921

Tony Evers, Governor

Telephone 608-266-2621
Toll Free 1-888-936-7463
TTY Access via relay - 711



January 23, 2026

Brittney Burrue
Administrator
City of Oconto
1210 Main Street, Oconto, WI 54153
Via Email Mail Only to admin@cityofocontowi.gov

**Subject: State Acknowledgement Letter for City of Oconto
FY26 EPA Multipurpose Grant**

Dear Brittney Burrue,

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) acknowledges the application of the city of Oconto (the City) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) brownfield grant identified above.

The DNR is fully committed to a collaborative partnership with the City and is able to support your brownfield assessment and remediation efforts in many ways, including:

- The DNR can identify key state and federal contacts for your specific project and coordinate Green Team meetings with individuals in your community to answer questions and discuss local plans, options and best practices.
- The DNR can assist you in identifying and obtaining additional financial assistance from state-managed grant and loan programs.

Obtaining U.S. EPA funding for this grant application is consistent with community needs, is vital to the local economy and will help bring needed improvements to the quality of life for residents. Federal funding will also help initiate cleanup activities, create jobs and leverage local investments in brownfield redevelopment.

Sincerely,

Christine Sieger

Christine T. Sieger, Program Director
Remediation and Redevelopment Program
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

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