

University of Wisconsin, Division of Extension: Resources and Contact Information to Support Local Government Utilization of ARPA Funds

Topic Area	Extension Program Area	Support and Resources Provided	Program/Specialist Contact	County Educator Contacts
Broadband & Digital Inclusion	Broadband	research and information sharing, convening and facilitating broadband conversations, assisting communities with broadband planning and funding, and educating the public assistance with forming digital inclusion coalitions	Chris Stark, christopher.stark@wisc.edu, (715) 525-1449	Taylor Co: Michelle Grimm, michelle.grimm@wisc.edu, (715) 748-3327 Marathon & Lincoln Cos: Melinda Osterberg, melinda.osterberg@wisc.edu, (715) 261-1240
Facilitated Community Dialogue	Organizational Leadership Development	Extension works with leaders, decision-makers and organizations to engage community members in respectful and inclusive conversations that lead to the development of shared vision and goals, and joint action that addresses complex, emergent and systemic community challenges.	Sarah Schlosser, sarah.schlosser@wisc.edu, (608) 263-0817 Annie Jones, annie.jones@wisc.edu, (608) 262-9558	Taylor Co: Michelle Grimm, michelle.grimm@wisc.edu, (715) 748-3327 Oneida Co: Myles Alexander, myles.alexander@wisc.edu, (715) 365-2759 Brown & Milwaukee Cos: Patrick Nehring, patrick.nehring@wisc.edu, (920) 391-4616 Ashland Co: Lissa Radke, lissa.radke@wisc.edu, (715) 682-7017
Economic Development	Economic Development Administration	work with communities to use research data to promote community and economic development and improve the quality of life in individual communities	Kristin Runge, kristin.runge@wisc.edu, (608) 890-3378 Brandon Hofstedt, brandon.hofstedt@wisc.edu, (715) 928-0888	Brown & Milwaukee Cos: Patrick Nehring, patrick.nehring@wisc.edu, (920) 391-4616
Energy Systems	Energy on Wisconsin	educates, provides funding opportunities, and facilitates information sharing	Sherrie Gruder, sherrie.gruder@wisc.edu, (608) 262-0398	
Entrepreneurship & Business	Community Economic Development	provide entrepreneurial ecosystem business support and direct business development support	Tessa Conroy, tessa.conroy@wisc.edu	Outagamie & Winnebago Cos: Mia Ljung, mia.ljung@wisc.edu, (920) 832-5121
Food systems	Community Food Systems	connection to resources and tools to plan for thriving, just and resilient community and regional food systems	Lindsey Day Farnsworth, ldfarnsworth@wisc.edu, (608) 572-0716	Dane Co: Jess Guffy Calkins, jessica.calkins@wisc.edu, (608) 224-3712 Milwaukee Co: Danielle Nabak, danielle.nabak@wisc.edu, (414) 615-0529 Taylor Co: Michelle Grimm, michelle.grimm@wisc.edu, (715) 748-3327 Ashland Co: Lissa Radke, lissa.radke@wisc.edu, (715) 682-7017
Roads and Travel Infrastructure	Transportation Information Center Local Government Education Program	training and technical resources to help Wisconsin local officials effectively maintain roads and improve street and highway safety.	Ben Jordan, bjordan@wisc.edu, (608) 265-4478 Daniel Foth, dfoth@wisc.edu, (608) 265-2852	Melissa Kono-Clark/Trempealeau Counties
Community Planning	Center for Land Use Education	training, publications and research to assist towns, villages, cities and counties in making sound land use decisions	Anna Haines, alhaines@wisc.edu, (715) 346-2386	Brown & Milwaukee Cos: Patrick Nehring, patrick.nehring@wisc.edu, (920) 391-4616 Ashland Co: Lissa Radke, lissa.radke@wisc.edu, (715) 682-7017
Downtown Development	Downtown and Business District Economic Development	self-help tools and publications as well as direct assistance to communities including market analysis	Bill Ryan, william.ryan@wisc.edu, (608) 263-4994	Clark & Trempealeau Cos: Melissa Kono, melissa.kono@wisc.edu, (715) 743-5125 Brown & Milwaukee Cos: Patrick Nehring, patrick.nehring@wisc.edu, (920) 391-4616
Data and Information	Applied Population Laboratory	using participatory methods to build better community information systems, access to Census and other relevant data	Dan Veroff, dlveroff@wisc.edu, (608) 265-9545	Brown & Milwaukee Cos: Patrick Nehring, patrick.nehring@wisc.edu, (920) 391-4616
Data and Information	Community Economic Development	focuses on researching economic competitiveness and developing educational programming to understand opportunities and challenges related to regional economic characteristics, industry clusters, and workforce	Steve Deller, scdeller@wisc.edu, (608) 263-6251 Tessa Conroy, tessa.conroy@wisc.edu Matt Kures, matthew.kures@wisc.edu, (608) 265-8258	
Quality of Life and Placemaking	Community Vitality & Placemaking Team	community visioning and assessment to enhance connection to place and quality of life features	Todd Johnson, twjohnson6@wisc.edu, (715) 425-3941	Oneida Co: Myles Alexander, myles.alexander@wisc.edu, (715) 365-2759

Project Management - Budgeting - Fund Accounting	Local Government Education	support and resources for managing projects, developing budgets, and project accounting	Daniel Foth, dfoth@wisc.edu, (608) 265-2852	
Intergovernmental Cooperation	Local Government Education	resources and case studies to support intergovernmental cooperation	Jeremy Solin, jsolin@wisc.edu, (715) 498-4733	
Climate Resiliency	Climate Leadership Team	tools and resources for local governments to plan for climate resiliency	Anna Haines, ahaines@wisc.edu, (715) 346-2386 Cathy Techtmann, cathy.techtmann@wisc.edu, (715) 561-2695 Sherrie Gruder, sherrie.gruder@wisc.edu, (608) 262-0398	
Housing	Community Economic Development	identifying and developing resources and providing technical assistance to communities (e.g., Housing CEA, Housing Preparedness Index, Housing Surveys)	Brian Ohm, bwohm@wisc.edu, (608) 262-2098 Steve Deller, scdeller@wisc.edu, (608) 263-6251 Kristin Runge, kristin.runge@wisc.edu, (608) 890-3378	
Strategic, Action, and Scenario Planning	Organizational and Leadership Development	Extension works with groups and organizations to design and facilitate planning processes that help leaders and community members identify strategic priorities, develop action plans, and navigate potential scenarios. The scope of each planning process is tailored to the needs of the group/organization and what they are hoping to accomplish. We work with groups who have existing plans they are looking to update, as well as groups who are engaging in strategic and/or action planning for the first time.	Sarah Schlosser, sarah.schlosser@wisc.edu, (608) 263-0817 Annie Jones, annie.jones@wisc.edu, (608) 262-9558	Oneida Co: Myles Alexander, myles.alexander@wisc.edu, (715) 365-2759 Taylor Co: Michelle Grimm, michelle.grimm@wisc.edu, (715) 748-3327 Brown & Milwaukee Cos: Patrick Nehring, patrick.nehring@wisc.edu, (920) 391-4616 Ashland Co: Lissa Radke, lissa.radke@wisc.edu, (715) 682-7017
Organizational Effectiveness	Organizational and Leadership Development	Extension works with organizations (including local governments and nonprofits) to increase their capacity to respond to local community needs. Our organizational development efforts help organizations (1) update/adopt policies, plans, systems and structures that support the organization, (2) increase staff and volunteer knowledge and skills relevant to their roles and responsibilities in the organization, (3) take action to create sustainable and diversified funding, (4) use data-driven approaches to inform program and service design and delivery, and (5) take action to engage a broad set of stakeholders and community members.	Sarah Schlosser, sarah.schlosser@wisc.edu, (608) 263-0817 Annie Jones, annie.jones@wisc.edu, (608) 262-9558	Oneida Co: Myles Alexander, myles.alexander@wisc.edu, (715) 365-2759 Brown & Milwaukee Cos: Patrick Nehring, patrick.nehring@wisc.edu, (920) 391-4616
Local Government and Nonprofit Sector Collaboration	Organizational and Leadership Development	Extension works with community organizations and local governments to form collaborative relationships aimed at addressing community issues. We assist collaborators with a variety of needs including: finding potential collaborators, assisting with setting up collaboration/partner agreements, helping collaborators identify shared goals, working with collaborating groups to develop mutually agreed upon action plans, and when appropriate forming coalitions made up of multiple collaborators.	Sarah Schlosser, sarah.schlosser@wisc.edu, (608) 263-0817 Annie Jones, annie.jones@wisc.edu, (608) 262-9558	Brown & Milwaukee Cos: Patrick Nehring, patrick.nehring@wisc.edu, (920) 391-4616
Community Marketing	Community Economic Development	Data analysis, data collection, applied research and technical assistance related to branding, trade area profiles, community competitiveness, gaps in market, public support for economic development initiatives	Kristin Runge, kristin.runge@wisc.edu, (608) 890-3378	Brown & Milwaukee Cos: Patrick Nehring, patrick.nehring@wisc.edu, (920) 391-4616