



**State of Wisconsin**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
**CORRESPONDENCE / MEMORANDUM**

**DATE: November 16, 2017**

**TO: Wisconsin County Code Administrators, POWTS Program Staff**

**FROM: Bradley Johnson, P.E., POWTS Program Section Chief**

**SUBJECT: Changes to the Wisconsin Fund**

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 2021 at the end of the next bi-annual state budget. In order to qualify for a grant before the grant program sunsets, **systems must be installed by December 31, 2019** and any grant applications from participating counties to the Department postmarked by January 31, 2020.

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

Applications for grants from participating governmental units may be received at any time during the year, but be post-marked by January 31<sup>st</sup> for consideration in the following project period.

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.