

Securing Grants for the Town of Webster



Initiative History

WEDA, Capital Project Design Consultants, and Department Heads have secured grants for the Town over the last 20+ yrs.

Process lacks overall organizational view to both strategize ability to obtain more grants through collaborative, concerted efforts and to celebrate wins.

Supervisor Flaherty engaged 7 Department Heads, WEDA Executive, and auxiliary staff August 2022 - March 2023 to discuss a strategy moving forward.

Town will be issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to consultants locally and state-wide for assistance identifying, applying for, and managing grants.

Town is also investing in training for its staff and encouraging Department Heads to research opportunities and communicate findings at monthly meetings.

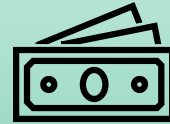
Goals



Planning – Identification of Town needs to improve the community and our services



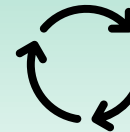
Craft competitive grant applications



Secure funding



Formulate grant management plan



Review, Reprioritize, and Repeat!



Identify grant opportunities

- ✓ Capital Projects
- ✓ Community Development
- ✓ Economic Development
- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Operational Improvements
- ✓ Facilities/Equipment
- ✓ Other?

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

3/16/23

Town Board Resolution to advertise RFQ to consultants for grant identification, application, and management services

3/22/23

RFQ is Advertised in Webster Herald, State Contract Reporter, LinkedIn, etc.

4/19/23

Proposal of Qualifications Due

4/21/23

Town Committee meets to review Proposals and select top firms to present at Town Board Workshop

4/27/23

Town Board Workshop – Consultant Presentations

5/4/23

Town Board awards consultant(s) “term service” agreements to support Town in efforts to secure grants

Importance of Timing

- The Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) opens annually in May and closes in July.
 - Opportunities to fund Economic Development, Planning Initiatives, Energy Efficiencies, Water Quality, Mapping Services, Climate Smart Initiatives, Wastewater Planning, Workforce Training
 - The Town has been successful in receiving Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grants (Sandbar Park), Green Infrastructure grants (Sandbar Park), Comprehensive Plan Smart Growth grant (Community Development), and Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant (Sewer Ph. 1) to name a few.
- Summer 2023 - Sewer Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Ph.2 is expected to break ground
- Fall 2023 - Highway Facility Project expected to break ground.
- Sandbar Park Construction continues thru Fall 2023



Questions / Comments?

LET'S GET TO WORK!

