



Ignite Wisconsin Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF PAST AWARDEES?

You can find the WEDC press release on our [last cycles' awardees here](#).

HOW DOES WEDC DEFINE HIGH GROWTH STARTUPS?

A startup with the potential to scale quickly, create significant economic impact, and serve markets beyond its local community.

WHAT NONPROFIT CLASSIFICATIONS CAN APPLY AS THE LEAD APPLICANT?

All nonprofit classifications are eligible to apply as the lead applicant.

IS A GOVERNMENT ENTITY REQUIRED TO BE PART OF THE CONSORTIUM TO MEET ELIGIBILITY?

No. A government entity is not required. The only requirement is that the lead applicant is an eligible nonprofit organization.

HOW DOES WEDC DEFINE PARTNERS AND MEMBERS WITHIN AN IGNITE WISCONSIN GRANT APPLICATION?

- **Partners** are participating organizations that receive funding and therefore require an MOU.
- **Members** are participating organizations that do not receive funding and can provide letters of support.

HOW SHOULD MOUS AND LETTERS OF SUPPORT BE USED?

- Any organization part of the consortium that is considered a partner should be part of the **MOU**.
- Members can provide signed **Letters of Support** to demonstrate their commitment to the consortium's efforts and goals.

DOES WEDC HAVE A REQUIRED TEMPLATE FOR AN MOU?

No. There is no required WEDC template for an MOU. Lead applicants are encouraged to create an agreement that clearly documents the partnership and the responsibilities of each participating organization.

SHOULD THE CONSORTIUM USE ONE MOU OR MULTIPLE MOUS?

Please use one central MOU that all partner entities sign in agreement of the consortium's efforts, activities, and goals.

WHO IS THE APPROPRIATE CONTACT FOR THE SECTION ASKING FOR A "CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL"?

WEDC considers this person/contact to be the head of the consortium governance.

WHAT MATERIALS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT 3 YEARS OF FINANCIALS?

WEDC requires audited or organization-prepared financial statements, including balance sheets, income statements/profit or loss statements.

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DOES THE AWARDED FUNDING COME THROUGH FEDERAL DOLLARS?

No. The Ignite Wisconsin grant is funded through WEDC's annual program budget and does not involve federal funding, federal pass-through funding, or any other federal funding sources.

WILL FUNDING BE MADE IN ADVANCE?

No. Funding will be made in quarterly disbursements upon submission of expenses or invoices.

ARE DISBURSEMENTS MADE QUARTERLY?

Yes.

WHEN WILL AWARDEES BE ANNOUNCED?

WEDC expects to publicly announce the FY27 award recipients in February 2027.

For more information, visit the Ignite Wisconsin website at <https://wedc.org/programs/ignite-wisconsin/>