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Talked to Angie to let her
know we would include the
request on next Board meeting.
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GRANT APPLICATION. Due Dates May 1st and November 1st

Date: 10/5/12
Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, Inc.
Address 1370 N Water St, Ste. 3, PO Box 753
City, State, Zip Plateville, WI 53818
Phone 608-348-7110
Person Responsible for the Grant Angie Wright
Position in the Organization Executive Director
Organization's Purpose Natural resource conservation, managed growth, and sustainable economic development.

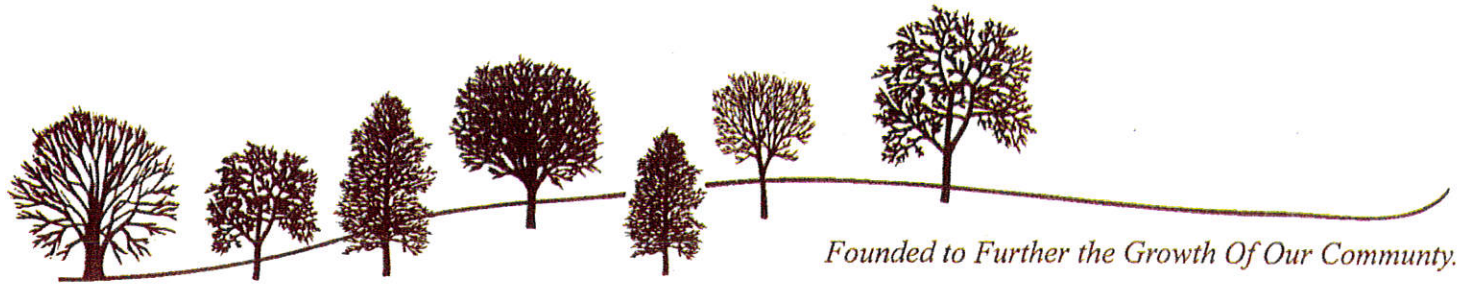
This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 2,000

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below:

Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development Council is working with Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the UW Department of Urban and Regional Planning to create a Renewable Energy Opportunity Plan for Southwest Wisconsin. The project began in 2011 and is expected to extend over three years. The Plan will demonstrate the unique opportunities, requirements, and challenges related to developing renewable energy projects in southwest Wisconsin. The Plan will review the region's resources; identify renewable energy opportunities; review economic, social, and other limitations; identify infrastructure and investment needs; and examine job creation and business development opportunities.

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Attachments to this grant that we find useful in considering your grant request.

A. Supporting information.

1. Specific use of grant.
2. Time schedule.
3. Other sources of funding.
4. Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time.
5. Describe who, when, how and where will the effects of this grant be felt.

B. Your organization's history, activities, services, and composition. (Videos are of limited use.)

Southwest Badger RC&D Council is a regional nonprofit conservation and community development organization founded in 1992. We serve the nine counties in the southwest corner of Wisconsin - Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, La Crosse, Richland, Sauk, and Vernon. Our mission is to support natural resource conservation, managed growth, and sustainable economic development in our area. We seek to be an incubator for innovative, economic, and sustainable use of local resources. Council programs address sustainable forestry, agriculture, managed grazing, alternative energy, invasive species, water quality, and recreation and tourism. We provide technical assistance and education to private landowners, conduct applied research on bioenergy crops and other conservation practices, and assist local agencies and organizations in seeking funding for pressing natural resource concerns. Our board is composed of one county representative and one citizen representative from each of our nine counties.

Applications are considered in June and December of each year. The corresponding deadlines are May 1st and November 1st. Concise grants that address the needed information are appreciated.

PLEASE SEND THIS APPLICATION TO ELMER G BIDDICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:

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Proposal to the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation
from Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, Inc.

October 5, 2012

Southwest Wisconsin Renewable Energy Opportunity Plan

Specific Use of Grant

As mentioned in the summary, Southwest Badger is partnering with the UW-Madison Department of Urban and Regional Planning (URPL) to develop a Renewable Energy Opportunity Plan for Southwest Wisconsin.

The overall goals of the project are to improve the region's economy while decreasing its dependence of fossil fuels. Specific objectives include:

- 1) Promote more sustainable energy use in southwest Wisconsin to enhance the region's economic competitiveness and independence.
- 2) Increase the use of renewable energy to produce transportation fuels, electricity, and heat.
- 3) Build the local energy production industry to enhance job creation, develop new and existing industries, and encourage entrepreneurial opportunities and investment.

A grant from the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation would be used to support student interns, travel, and supplies needed to complete the Renewable Energy Opportunity Study. The majority of the project work is being completed through an URPL graduate level workshop class held each semester. However, the program charges clients \$6,000 per semester for services. This fee covers a portion of the teaching assistant's salary as well as the cost of student travel and project supplies.

Time Schedule

Preliminary data collection on available resources and renewable energy projects in the region began in 2011. Two graduate student interns were employed over summer 2012 to conduct in-depth data collection for Lafayette County and develop a protocol for the workshop class to use on the other eight counties. This year's fall and spring workshop classes will be focused on Iowa, Grant, Green, Lafayette, and Richland counties. The 2013-2014 classes will look at Crawford, LaCrosse, Sauk, and Vernon counties.

Other Sources of Funding

Southwest Badger has committed \$6,000 to the project and secured a grant of \$1,250 from the Alliant Energy Foundation. Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission has committed \$4,000 to the project. The Department of Urban and Regional Planning has secured \$26,000 from the Morgridge Center for Public Service Matching Grant program. The total budget for the four-year project is \$58,691. Southwest Badger will continue to seek additional grant funds for the project.

Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time

Postponing funding to another time could result in postponing or canceling a portion of the project. If sufficient funding is not secured it is unlikely the final report will be completed.

Describe who, when, how, and where will the effects of this grant be felt

The Renewable Energy Opportunity plan will benefit the people of southwest Wisconsin. The project, will identify ways in which communities, businesses and individuals can pursue the more sustainable methods of renewable energy production, and the social and economic opportunities those practices and resulting markets can provide to area farmers and manufacturers. Southwest Wisconsin is rural with only a handful of communities in the region topping 10,000 people. In addition, our average household income is well below the state average in all but a few areas. Our population is aging and many of our youth leave the area due to lack of opportunities. The rural nature of the region means many homes and businesses heat with fuel oil or propane making them very susceptible to rising energy costs. Yet the region has a rich farming heritage and great potential for biomass, biogas, wind, and other renewables. We believe that by promoting homegrown energy we can stimulate our economy and reduce our carbon footprint at the same time. By developing locally available renewables we can build our economy and create a regional network of entrepreneurs, manufacturers, distributors, installers, and farmers. These local businesses will keep our dollars circulating within our local economy, rather than shipping them to other states or overseas.