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BOARD APPROVES \$2.2 MILLION FOR PROJECTS

MADISON – The Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) today approved slightly more than \$2.2 million in State Trust Fund Loans to support five community projects in Wisconsin.

The BCPL approved the following loans:

- City of Blair, Trempealeau County / Finance TID #7 infrastructure / \$135,000
- Town of Bloom, Richland County / Repair storm damaged roads / \$68,000
- City of Columbus,, Columbia and Dodge Counties / Purchase land for fire station and library / \$800,000
- City of River Falls, Pierce and St. Croix Counties / Finance corporate park costs / \$1,100,000
- City of River Falls, Pierce and St. Croix Counties / Purchase snow blower / \$112,500

The BCPL operates entirely on program revenue, without taxpayer money, and distributes more than 96 cents of every dollar of interest earned on BCPL State Trust Fund investments to Wisconsin's public schools. The 2016 earnings of \$37.7 million are the largest distribution in the agency's history and provide the sole source of state funding for K-12 public school library materials.

A list of 2016 library aid received by each public school district is available at:

(<http://bcpl.wisconsin.gov/docview.asp?docid=27361&locid=145>).

Established in 1848 by the State Constitution, the BCPL consists of the Secretary of State Doug La Follette, State Treasurer Matt Adamczyk, and Attorney General Brad Schimel. The BCPL manages the [Common School Fund](#), which was created in Article X of Wisconsin's Constitution, as a permanent endowment to benefit public education.

To learn more about the agency, visit <http://bcpl.wisconsin.gov>.

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