
RE: Questions

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Good questions.

1. Yes, just the connect communities program.
2. Yes, the Village would certainly be eligible to apply for additional programs through WEDC – programs participating in Connect Communities tend to be well positioned to apply for our other grants.
3. It looks like individuals from Ridgeway attended four different training events last year (free of charge) as part of the program. It doesn't look like we provided any direct assistance last year (though I know in years past staff have provided resources on park planning, business recruitment, building rehab, etc.). The overview of services available to you (whether or not you used them this year), is attached.
4. Yes, communities often return to the program if they leave due to capacity issues.

Hope this helps, happy to orient new staff to the program if that would be helpful. Let me know if you have further questions.

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From: Lori Phelan <clerk@ridgewaywi.gov>**Sent:** Thursday, August 14, 2025 12:04 PM**To:** Errin Welty <errin.welty@wedc.org>**Cc:** adminservices <adminservices@ridgewaywi.gov>**Subject:** Questions

Hi Errin,

We have been talking about the agreement for the Connect Communities and have some questions since we have had changes in staff who need to learn and be trained, learn the office processes and procedures, statutory requirements and many other tasks we encounter.

1. Does this agreement only relate to the Connect Communities Program?
2. Would the Village still be able to apply for other grants through WEDC, such as Vibrant Spaces?
3. The board asked that we are provided with what we are actually receiving by being part of this.
4. If we opt not to renew at this time, can we come back at a later time?

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04/07/26- Spring Election

08/11/26- Partisan Primary Election

11/03/26- Partisan General Election



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