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BOARD APPROVES TRUST FUND LOANS TOTALING \$620,573

MADISON –The Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) today approved State Trust Fund Loans totaling \$620,673 to fund public purpose projects in five Wisconsin communities. Loans approved include:

- School District of Cambridge – Dane and Jefferson Counties / Finance wireless project for three schools \$125,000
- Village of Egg Harbor – Door County / Construct storage building / \$25,000
- Village of Genoa – Vernon County / Renovate wastewater treatment plant / \$118,173
- City of Stoughton – Dane County / Purchase police and fire vehicles / \$202,500
- Village of Wrightstown – Brown and Outagamie Counties / Purchase police and fire department radios / \$150,000

In the last 12 months, including actions approved today, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands has approved 125 loan applications totaling slightly more than \$74 million. The loans can be made to municipalities and school districts for any public purpose.

Created in 1848 by the Wisconsin Constitution, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands was established to accept federal land grants and to manage Trust Funds for the benefit of public education in Wisconsin. The Board consists of Secretary of State Doug La Follette, Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen and State Treasurer Kurt Schuller. The majority of Trust Fund assets are held in the Common School Fund, from which the majority of State Trust Fund loans are issued. Earnings from this fund are distributed to K-12 public school libraries annually. A total of \$33.6 million was distributed to public school libraries in 2011.

A complete list of Wisconsin municipal and school projects funded by today's Board action can be found here: (<http://bcpl.wisconsin.gov/docview.asp?docid=22996&locid=145>).

A list of loans approved in the last twelve months can be found here: (<http://bcpl.wisconsin.gov/docview.asp?docid=22997&locid=145>).

The agency's 2009-2011 biennial report can be found here: (<http://bcpl.wisconsin.gov/docview.asp?docid=22354&locid=145>).

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