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2023 Wisconsin Act 50 [2023 Senate Bill 207]

Eligibility for Local Wildlife Grants

Wisconsin law directs the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to provide grants to certain communities for up to 50 percent of the cost for projects to plan wildlife abatement measures, engage in wildlife control efforts, or both.

Under **prior law**, “urban communities” were eligible for such grants. DNR’s administrative rules further defined which communities were eligible for the grants by incorporating a definition of “urban area” that was established in a 1989 document relating to federal transportation aids.

2023 Wisconsin Act 50 instead specifies that any city, village, or town with a population density of not less than 125 persons per square mile may apply for a wildlife control grant.

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For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature’s [bill history page](#).

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