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MADISON, WI – Wednesday, Governor Tony Evers [announced](#) that he will commit up to \$8.2 million in matching funds to help Wisconsin paper and forest products industry stakeholders secure a \$100 million federal Build Back Better Challenge Grant. Governor Evers and Wisconsin Economic Development Council (WEDC) CEO Missy Hughes have also sent a [letter](#) to U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo in support of the grant application.

The coalition has already secured \$11.8 million in funds from businesses, tribal and local governments, individuals, and nonprofits, and this additional commitment from Governor Evers will bridge the gap to make sure they have the full \$20 million in matching funds required to qualify for the \$100 million grant.

Senate Minority Leader Janet Bewley (D-Delta) and Representative Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) issued the following statements in support of the Governor's announcement:

Northwoods Leaders Applaud Governor's Commitment to Paper and Forest Products Industries

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