

Rep. Oldenburg: Presented Cooperative Network's 'Friend of Cooperatives' Award

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WESTBY, WI – This afternoon, Representative Loren Oldenburg (R-Viroqua) was presented the Friend of Cooperatives award by Cooperative Network. Cooperative Network chose to recognize Oldenburg after his work for Wisconsin's cooperatives in the state's biennial budget.

During the 2021-2023 budget process Representative Oldenburg worked on a budget motion that created a grant program for cooperative feasibility studies. Often times completing a feasibility study is the hardest part of creating a cooperative; this program will provide \$200,000 in grants to help with the completion of these studies.

"It is my honor to be the Representative for Wisconsin's 96th Assembly district, I do this job to represent and help the people in the 96th district. It is definitely an honor to be recognized by Cooperative Network, and I am glad to have the opportunity to support cooperatives in Wisconsin," said Oldenburg. "My time as President of the Westby Cooperative Creamery board, and President of the Chaseburg Cenex Co-op board helped prepare me for the position that I am in today."

Wisconsin's Cooperative Feasibility Grant (WCFG) program is now available. The program is administered by Wisconsin's office of Rural Prosperity within the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.