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### **Governor Evers Announces Mallards as Recipient of Minor League Sports Grant**

Madison, WIS.- Governor Evers announced today that the Madison Mallards are one of XXX recipients of a grant made available to minor league sports teams throughout Wisconsin as part of the Minor League Sports Grant that was announced last summer. The grants are funded by the American Rescue Plan of 2021. The Mallards 2020 season was cancelled due to the pandemic and attendance for the Mallards 2021 season was down 42% due to the pandemic. Support from ticket holders, the corporate community and flexibility from the City of Madison, who owns Warner Park, allowed the Mallards to stay viable 2021, but the recovery from the negative impacts of the pandemic will take years for the team to recover from.

“Minor leagues sports in Wisconsin are all about bringing our communities together,” said Mallards President Vern Stenman. “We would like to thank Governor Evers for recognizing the important role that these teams play throughout Wisconsin and for prioritizing in investing in the long-term stability of these great organizations throughout the State.”

The Mallards will return to play their 2022 season in late May, 2022 at the “Duck Pond” at Warner Park on the Northside of Madison.

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