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Bankers' Bank Awards a \$20,000 Grant to Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service Dogs.

Madison, WI – Bankers' Bank, a leading correspondent bank for community banks located in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Indiana, is proud to announce it successfully secured a \$20,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago to support Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service Dogs (WAGS).

Now more than ever, Bankers' Bank is committed to supporting their customers and communities. Through the COVID-19 relief grant program, supported by Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, they are able to provide much needed financial support to Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service Dogs (WAGS) during this coronavirus pandemic. WAGS provides functional independence and promotes an improved quality of life for people with physical disabilities through partnerships with highly-skilled service dogs. This \$20,000 COVID-19 grant will help WAGS purchase and provide care for puppies, support the volunteer trainers which provide more than 250,000 hours each year and assist their clients with disabilities that already have or are in line to receive training with a WAGS service dog.

Brad Stamper, President and CEO of Bankers' Bank said, "It is part of our DNA at Bankers' Bank to support our local communities and especially now when many non-profit organizations are feeling the financial impact this pandemic is causing on their operations."

The Bank recognizes the impact WAGS has in the community and wants to ensure they have the necessary resources to raise and train service dogs so people with disabilities get their best friend. Aaron Backer, Executive Director of WAGS shared, "We are very thankful that Bankers' Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago have selected WAGS for this grant which greatly helps replace our private fundraising events that have been terribly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic."

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About Bankers' Bank – Bankers' Bank, a bank-owned correspondent based in Madison, Wisconsin, since 1981. Bankers' Bank is the Midwest's leading provider of banking services to community banks, with offices in the Madison, Chicago, Des Moines, and Indianapolis areas serving the four-state region and beyond. As an independent source of non-competing financial services, the Bank serves a market of over 700 financial institutions. The Bank does not serve the public so it never competes with client banks for business. More information is available on our website at BankersBank.com.

About Federal Home Bank of Chicago – COVID-19 Relief Grant Program - The Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago is offering a COVID-19 Relief Program consisting of zero-rate advances and grants to support all of its member institutions and the communities they serve in Illinois and Wisconsin directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 Relief Program opened on Monday, April 27, with funding available through Friday, May 22. For more information visit fhlbc.com.

About Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service Dogs (WAGS) – The Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service Dogs began in 1987. Our mission is to promote functional independence and improved quality of life for people with physical disabilities through partnerships with highly-skilled service dogs. WAGS is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that depends on donations from foundations, local businesses and groups, and individuals. WAGS is also a donor designation agency with the [United Way of Dane County](http://UnitedWayofDaneCounty).