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Jim Ritchie is director of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Bureau of Community Financial Assistance (CFA). The CFA Bureau administers over 40 grant and loan programs, with awards totaling over \$300 million per year. Eligible applicants include local governments, nonprofit conservation organizations, and lake management organizations. Jim appreciates the partnerships the CFA Bureau has with programs throughout the DNR, with other state and federal agencies, and with the many grant and loan recipients throughout Wisconsin. He became CFA Bureau director in May 2020 and previously was the chief of DNR's environmental loans section as well as the grants team supervisor in DNR's southeast and south-central regions. Jim has been with the DNR for 26 years, having begun his career as a stormwater management specialist. He has a degree in water resources from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.