

Central South Dakota Enhancement District

"Assisting Communities, Businesses, and Individuals in Achieving their Highest Economic Potential"

Summer/Fall 2019

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Directors Note

David Reiss, Executive Director



As all of you are aware, many of our Central South Dakota Enhancement District members have experienced major flooding events as a result of the runoff from heavy late Winter snow falls, the many Spring precipitation events producing torrential rains, and continued above normal rainfall amounts over the Summer. The District has felt the continued impacts of this extraordinary year of moisture with long termed, high volume water releases made by the Corps of Engineers on the Missouri River at flood control reservoirs. City and County infrastructure was inundated and many of the vital systems our communities rely upon for healthy and safe living environments were adversely impacted. Roads, bridges, sanitary sewer systems, storm sewers, clean drinking water systems, and numerous additional government services were imperiled and impacted by the disasters of 2019

On June 8th, 2019 President Trump granted a presidential disaster declaration for much of South Dakota, including many counties within the Central South Dakota Enhancement District. We are now tasked with the work of restoring what was lost and improving infrastructure systems so that risks of system failures are minimized. CSDED staff has met with and is working on several projects with our member counties and municipalities in an effort to address disaster related impacts and to plan on disaster resiliency projects aimed at mitigating future risks during times of emergency. Our work and interest in assisting our members in dealing with the lasting impacts of this disaster remains a priority of the District. I encourage you to contact CSDED should you have any questions about hazard mitigation projects or needed repair projects resulting from 2019 disaster events.

District Project Progress

Blunt Wastewater

Pierre Boys and Girls Club



The Pierre Boys & Girls Club project is under way. The old building was moved to a new location and the site excavation is underway. Photos courtesy of City of Pierre.



Dried down and moving dirt on the new two cell lagoon. Photo courtesy of David Reiss.

USDA Rural Development – Rural Communities Partner for Progress

Julie Gross, State Director, USDA Rural Development

At USDA Rural Development, we are committed to helping improve the quality of life in rural America and want to be a partner for progress because together, America prospers. Through our programs, we help rural Americans in many ways.

We offer loans, grants and loan guarantees to help create jobs and support economic development and essential services such as housing, health care, first responder services and equipment, and water, electric and communications infrastructure.

We promote economic development by supporting loans to businesses through banks, credit unions and community-managed lending pools. We offer technical assistance and information to help agricultural producers and cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their operations.

We provide technical assistance to help communities undertake community empowerment programs. We help rural residents buy or rent safe, affordable housing and make health and safety repairs to their homes.

Programs include:

- Every rural town should have modern and adequate infrastructure and facilities. Infrastructure provides a foundation for economic prosperity in rural communities. RD's Community Programs provide funding for a wide range of essential community facility projects in towns up to 20,000 in population, and affordable water, sewer, landfills in communities under 10,000. These include, but are not limited to, projects, which will enlarge, improve, or construct hospitals, medical and dental clinics, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, childcare centers, schools, libraries, public buildings, and community centers. With this year's adverse weather, USDA can also fund roads, bridges and culverts to assist communities. These low interest loans are available to purchase public safety equipment such as fire trucks, ambulances, firefighting equipment, and other emergency equipment. In some circumstances, grants may be awarded to smaller communities. Regardless of the numerous opportunities that exist to grow your community, sound infrastructure and effective community services are critical for a rural community to not only survive, but to thrive! These funds are available to public bodies, community-based non-profit organizations, and federally recognized tribes. For example:
- South Lincoln Rural Water System, Inc. in Beresford is receiving a \$12,392,000 Water and Waste loan to build a water treatment plant, improve small diameter pipe looping, and improve the main line. The project will improve water quality and water delivery for the system's 7,113 customers. The project will also ensure the system has the capacity to support future growth.
- Town of Davis received a Community Facility loan of \$14,500 and grant of \$2,500 for the purchase of a pay loader. This winter was a great example of why it's essential for communities to have reliable equipment. Every community deserves to have the resources to keep their town running no matter its size. USDA RD was pleased to partner with Davis, population 85, to make a purchase that will have a positive impact year-round for the community.

As leaders and citizens, your guidance for change is extremely important. Call on us to help improve the condition of your community. By working together, we can help identify opportunities to address challenges, issues, and concerns for stronger rural communities.

For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov/sd or contact RD field staff in the Area Offices. RD Area Offices are in Aberdeen (605) 226-3360, Ext. 4; Mitchell (605) 996-1564, Ext. 4; Pierre (605) 224-8870, Ext. 4; Sioux Falls (605) 330-4515, Ext. 4; Rapid City (605) 342-0301; Watertown (605) 886-8202, Ext. 4; and Yankton (605) 665-2662. RD launched RD Apply, a system that allows customers to submit applications online for loans and grants.

Planning Ahead

PAR – RD Preliminary Architectural Report for Community Facility Infrastructure Grant is due August 2020

TA – SDDOT Transportation Alternatives- letter of intent due July 2020 & application due in October 2020

BIG -SDDOT Bridge Improvement Grant Preliminary is due August 1, 2020

CSDDED staff visits RD

On June 24th, the staff of Central South Dakota Enhancement District had the opportunity to sit down with State Director Julie Gross, Community Programs Director Tim Potts, Loan Specialist Clark Guthmiller, and Rural Utilities Services Representative Patrick Hemen of USDA Rural Development to learn more about the funding opportunities available to the members of the District.

Funding topics ranged from community projects, energy, and broadband technology to small business development, housing and health care. Among the numerous USDA-RD loan and grant programs that we discussed were the Community Facilities Program, Water & Waste Disposal Program, and Rural Energy for America Program available through Rural Development.

You may have a project that fits into one of the various programs available through USDA Rural Development or a combination of other programs offered through other agencies. The staff of Central South Dakota Enhancement District looks forward to discussing your projects and helping you find funding for your next project as well as discussing all finance options for your future works.

Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program provides funding for essential services in rural communities.

Funding Deadlines

October 1st

- CDBG fall deadline –GOED
- Drinking, Clean Water SRF fall deadline- DENR
- Deadwood Fund Grant – SDSHS
- National Trust Preservation Grant –National Historical

October 15th

B.I.G. Fund Deadline

October 31st

- LIIP fall deadline – GOED
- EDPP fall deadline –GOED
- REAP –RD

December 13th

FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation project & Advanced Assistance Applications due

January 1st

- Energy for America Program/Energy Audit –RD
- January 18
- Outside Deadwood Grant –SD Historical

Anytime/revolving

- Community Facilities – RD
- SEARCH –RD
- Small Community Planning Grant – DENR
- LWCF – outdoor recreational facilities –SDGF&P

Governors House/DakotaPlex Program



A rendering of a Dakotaplex duplex courtesy of South Dakota Housing Development Authority.

On June 17, the Governor’s House Program announced the town of Tyndall as the first recipient for their DakotaPlex Pilot Program. We are excitedly awaiting the development of this program for affordable housing options for our communities who qualify.

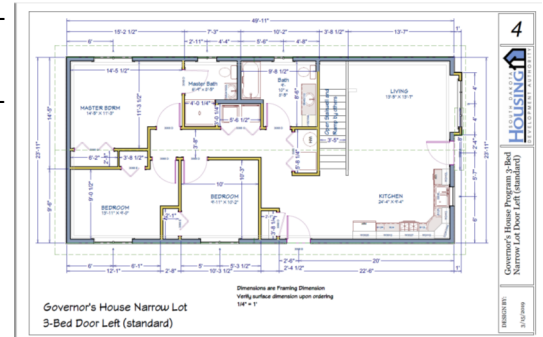
Some basic qualifications for the program are a community with a population of 5,000 or less and a documented need for rental housing via a market or housing needs study.

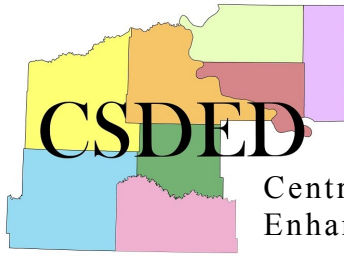
The possibility of purchasing a Governor’s House for a rental property is also still available to school districts, developers, for profit and non-profits.

The three-bedroom narrow lot has been added to the Governor’s house floor plan options. Perfect for those “skinny” lots!

The South Dakota State Fair in Huron was the perfect opportunity to tour the DakotaPlex duplex which was ONLY on display at the SD State Fair. The three-bedroom house was also on display for the public to view.

For more information, please contact Malinda at 605.773.2780 or enhancement@csded.org.





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TO:

The CSDED newsletter pertains to items of interest to CSDED members and those we serve. This letter is funded in part by the Economic Development Administration, US Department of Commerce.

EVENTS:

September

- 2nd Labor day –office closed
- 16-17th County Commission Convention
- 17-18th Planning Districts Retreat

October

- 8-11th SDML Conference
- 14th Native American Day – office closed
- 16-17th Planners Association Conference
- 29-30th SDHDA conference

November

- 11th Veterans Day –office closed
- 19th CSDED board meeting
- 28th Thanksgiving –office closed

December

- 25th Christmas –office closed

January

- 1st New Year's Day – office closed

As we honor the contributions and cultures of the Dakota-Lakota-Nakota Tribes of our beautiful state of South Dakota; we wish you a wonderful Native American Day.

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