

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

Director's Notes

-David Reiss, Executive Director

With the holiday season upon us, I find myself thinking about this past year and reflecting upon all the changes that Central South Dakota Enhancement District has undergone in 2019. Since taking over as District Director last December, numerous procedures and changes were implemented to address staffing and administrative issues within the office. With the assistance and guidance from the CSDDED Executive Committee, from past District Director Marlene Knutson, and with the helpful guidance, advice, and support from the other Planning District Directors throughout South Dakota, these necessary changes to our District policy and its work priorities would not have been possible. I am truly thankful for all those who assisted me in that process.



Following those changes in personnel, procedures, and work priorities, the Central South Dakota Enhancement District is building momentum in providing respected and responsive services to the members of the District. All this while growing and providing services to our new District members in Dewey and Mellette Counties. Our staff is grateful for the opportunity to provide continued services to both new and existing members of the District alike. We thank you for the opportunity.

The coming year will bring new challenges, new projects, and new opportunities for our staff at CSDDED to assist members in their efforts to improve their communities and serve their neighbors and friends in counties and cities across Central South Dakota. We look forward to working with members of the District and our many partners to collectively improve the quality of life within Central South Dakota.

I want to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Best Regards,

David Reiss

We have a New Website!!

It's true! We have a new look to our website. After a few weeks of planning, creative development and build, it is live. You can find updated funding information and deadlines for all upcoming applications to assist with your next project, discover member information as well as be informed of what is going on in the District through our board meeting minutes and newsletters posted on the site. We hope this clean and updated site will be easier to navigate to find the information you need. You can visit the new site at the same address www.CSDDED.org.

 *Holiday 2019*

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Special points of interest:

- WWW.CSDDED.org
- \$8M Available from FEMA
- Housing Development
- Deadlines
- Office holiday closures and meetings





FEMA Money Available!

With all the adverse weather that we have experienced in 2019, three Disaster Declarations have been approved and a fourth requested. This means there is an abundance of funding available for you to assist your communities. CSDED works directly with The Office of Emergency Management to complete funding applications on behalf of their members. This funding can be used to rehabilitate or replace any damaged infrastructure from this year's disaster, as well as help pay for improvements that would mitigate future risk.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) looks to help communities implement mitigation measures to reduce risk of loss of life and property from future disasters. There is currently over \$8,000,000 from disasters declared this year that your communities can utilize. The Program seeks both long-term cost-effective solutions, so the benefit of your projects must exceed the cost. Our District can provide technical assistance and complete a Benefit-Cost Analysis for any mitigation measures you are seeking. These grants cover 75% of project cost with a 25% local match and will become due in March.

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant (PDM) looks to reduce overall risk from disasters to both people and structures. The Grant awards planning and project grants, as well as supporting projects that raise public awareness about future disasters. This Grant can also be used to help counties cover costs associated with updating their Hazard Mitigation Plans, which is a necessity to keep receiving federal funds associated with emergencies. PDM grant applications must be in by December.

There is an application process associated with these programs, so please reach out to the District as soon as possible to discuss any hazard mitigation measures you might need. We look forward to working with you on any project you might think allows your community to become more resilient and better prepared.

Funding Deadlines:

December 13th

- ◆ Pre-Disaster Mitigation project & Advanced Assistance applications due -FEMA

January 1st

- ◆ Energy for America Program/Energy Audit –RD
- ◆ Drinking Water SRF –DENR
- ◆ Clean Water SRF - DENR

January 2nd

- ◆ B.I.G. Rehabilitate or Replace Applications due - SDDOT

January 18th

- ◆ Outside Deadwood Grant –SDSHS

January 31st

- ◆ Local Infrastructure Improvement Program - GOED

April 1st

- ◆ CDBG – GOED
- ◆ Drinking Water SRF – DENR
- ◆ Clean Water SRF - DENR



Housing Development and The Governor's House Program

Can a developer (for-profit or not-for-profit) purchase a Governor's House for resale? YES!



Both non-profit and for-profit developers may purchase Governor's Houses to develop and resell to qualified buyers. The homebuyer must meet the Governor's House Program qualifications. Developers may earn a profit of no more than ten percent of the total project costs and the developer must sell the home to a qualified buyer within the first three years.

A Governor's House may also be utilized to provide rental housing opportunities to low-income households. It is available for any community in South Dakota. Household income cannot exceed 60% of the current state median income unless the financing program is more restrictive in its guidelines. The Governor's House Rental must remain a rental and serve qualifying households for a minimum of 10 years. It can be sold with written permission by South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA) to a qualified tenant.

A school district in a rural community with a population of 2,500 or less may purchase a Governor's House as a rental for any teacher *or* other employee of the school district. The property the house is placed on must be owned by the school district and cannot be sold without a written waiver from SDHDA. There are no income restrictions on a Governor's House purchased by a school district.

For more information on the Governor's House Program, please contact CSDED at (605) 773-2780.




The DakotaPlex is an option for communities in South Dakota with a population of 5000 or less that have a documented need for housing. They must be placed within a community's city limits. The DakotaPlex may be purchased by for-profit developers, not-for-profit developers, or community development groups. The Dakotaplex must remain an affordable rental property for a minimum of 10 years.

For more information on the DakotaPlex, please contact Mike Harsma with SDHDA at (605) 773-3181 or mike@sdhda.org.



Pictures courtesy of SDHDA.

Holiday fun fact:
An estimated 48 million turkeys are harvested each year for the holiday season !



CSDED Events:

November

- 11th Veterans Day –Office Closed
- 19th CSDED Board meeting -1: 30PM CST
- 28th-29th Thanksgiving –Office Closed

December

- 23-25th Christmas –Office Closed

January

- 1st New Year's Day – Office Closed
- 14th First day of Legislative session
- 20th Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office Closed

February

- 17th Presidents' Day – Office Closed

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.



The Staff of CSDED thanks you for a fruitful year! Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. May the New Year bring you abundance and joy!

-David, Jennie, Paul & Malinda

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