

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

Director's Notes

-David Reiss, Executive Director

Greetings from the Central South Dakota Enhancement District. During the winter months, our staff has pivoted from focusing on assisting our members with completing numerous public works projects through project administration and monitoring works to assisting our Counties and Cities to address personnel policy revisions and ordinance updates. While construction activities have slowed in our cold season, we look forward to assisting our members with addressing their ongoing needs through planning, project applications, and policy development efforts.



We also have been looking internally at our organization to find new ways to meet regional needs. The District and its Executive Committee have begun a review of organizational bylaws, policies, and are working with staff and counsel to analyze future updates to our guiding documents and ensure that our processes function optimally to provide service and assistance to our members. These efforts will be of discussion at our upcoming CSDED Board of Directors meeting to be held on March 25th.

Lastly, I would like to personally welcome new members from Ziebach County to the Central South Dakota Enhancement District. At the December 2025 CSDED Board meeting, Ziebach County was accepted into the planning district. Ziebach County and its communities have been without planning district membership and we look forward to assisting the County and its residents to plan for the future and meet their community development needs. Please welcome Ziebach County and the City of Dupree to the Central South Dakota Planning District!

2025 Funding Awarded:

SDGFP

LAND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Onida \$200K

DANR

CLEAN WATER RLF

Pierre \$516K

SMALL COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT

White River \$18K

SDOEM

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

Haakon County	\$20K
Hyde County	\$20K
Jones County	\$20K
Mellette County	\$20K
Sully County	\$20K

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Serving Corson, Dewey, Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Jackson, Jones, Mellette, Stanley, Sully and Ziebach Counties and the communities within.





Deadlines and Opportunities:

March 2nd

- Shooting Range Grant – SDGFP

March 20

- Homeland Security Grant –SDDPS

April 1st

- SRF Drinking Water/Clean Water Applications – DANR
- Consolidated Water Facilities Construction program- DANR
- Solid Waste Management Program – DANR

April 10th

- Recreation Trails Program SDGFP

April 15th

- Industrial Park Grant -SDDOT
- Agri-Business Grant –SDDOT

April 30th

- Land Water Conservation Fund -SDGFP
- Local Infrastructure Improvement Program - GOED

May 1st

- Amendments to State Water Plan – DANR

June 2nd

- Outside Deadwood Grant - SD Historical

Anytime/revolving

- Community Facilities – RD
- SEARCH –RD
- Small Community Planning Grant – DANR
- Housing Infrastructure Financing Program - SDHDA

*Please note that deadlines for submitting documents to CSDED may be prior to deadlines listed here. Contact David, Paul or Sadie.

2026 Homeland Security Grant Program

Open: February 2, 2026

Funds utilized to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond and recover from acts of terrorism and security threats. Strengthening and enhancing the safety and resiliency of our local communities.

Due: March 20, 2026 @ 5PM CST

2026 OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES for FUNDING

Open: February 9, 2026

RECREATION TRAILS PROGRAM designed to assist with maintaining recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized use.

DUE APRIL 10, 2026

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND is program to assist with acquisition and development of public outdoor recreational areas and facilities. Funds are a 50% reimbursement toward approved outdoor recreational projects seeking a minimum of \$10,000.

DUE APRIL 30, 2026

***The application process has change!
Please reach out for assistance.**

Congratulations

Congratulations to Eagle Butte for your \$2 Million Community Development Block Grant to improve the water, wastewater and storm sewer system in your community. These projects show a commitment to your community growth and development.





MORE OPPORTUNITIES:

The 2026 AARP Community Challenge is three distinct grant opportunities for specific nonprofit organizations and governmental entities to improve their communities to make them more livable for all ages. These funds are a way to facilitate quick actions that lead to long term progress in supporting neighborhoods, towns, cities and counties becoming more livable for all people with a focus on residents aged 50 and older. This is a great opportunity for those communities who are looking to make walking paths safe, public transportation and housing more accessible and affordable, and opportunities for civic and community engagement more accessible. For more information go to <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/info-2026/2026-challenge.html>.

Governor’s House and Housing

Some exciting updates on the Governors House Program; wait time for a Governors House has decreased again to 18 months and developers may now purchase three Governors Houses per month. This is exciting news for Developers and Homebuyers. Many Developers are jumping on the opportunity to build low to moderate income housing utilizing the Governors House Program and Homebuyers who entered Purchase agreements in the last 2 years are seeing quicker delivery than what was estimated at their signing. Contact Malinda at enhancement@csded.org for more information or scan the code.

Income Restrictions:

- Family of two or less: \$71,540
- Family of three or more: \$81,760

Net Worth & Liquid Assets Limitations:

- House holds under 62 years of age:
 - Net Worth: \$125,000,
 - Liquid Assets: \$105,999
- House holds 62 and older:
 - Net Worth: \$250,000,
 - Liquid Assets: \$140,000

Prices:

- ⇒ 2 Bed Room: \$86,000 (+tax)
- ⇒ 3 Bed Room: \$96,000 (+tax)



St. Patrick’s Day FUN FACTS

- ◆ St. Patrick’s Day 2026 will generate an estimated \$5.1 billion in sales nation wide, down from \$6.16B in 2025, primarily on food, decorations and apparel. (National Retailers Federation)
- ◆ Corned-beef and cabbage is an Irish-American invention, Corned beef offered a cheaper substitute for the impoverished immigrant in the late 19th and early 20th century.
- ◆ The original color for St. Patrick’s Day is St. Patrick’s Blue a sky blue.



CSDED Events:

March

25th *Tentative* CSDED Board Meeting

April

5th Easter Holiday

May

TBD - CSDED Budget Setting

26th Memorial Day - Office Closed

June

19th Juneteenth - Office Closed

22nd Tentative STIP Meeting @ DOT

16th - 17th SDHDA Annual Conference

July

3rd Independence Day Observed - Office
Closed

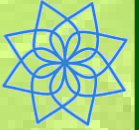
The CSDED newsletter pertains to items of interest to CSDED members and those we serve. This letter is funded in part by the Economic Development Administration, US Department of Commerce.

Happy Spring

May this new Spring season plant new seeds of fresh opportunities, new beginnings and future projects for your communities continued growth and prosperity.

Thankful for the opportunity to serve you,

David, Paul, Sadie and Malinda



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