

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

Director's Notes

-David Reiss, Executive Director

Taking on the leadership position at the Central South Dakota Enhancement District this past year has given me an opportunity to help guide our member municipalities and counties forward on their important local works. The District has assisted communities in executing new ordinances and zoning regulations, with applying for new financing for needed public works projects and to provide administrative services for those projects receiving funding. The District has also been working to obtain grant funding for high need infrastructure and helped our members begin planning for future needs and potential disaster events. While I have tackled this role with energy and dedication, I know that we can look to do more for our members and meet their needs beyond what our normal role has been. With an eye on the future, the District's next Board meeting will begin a dedicated process to examine our role in the region and learn from our members what their needs are now and in the future.



On March 26 CSDED board members and guests will be gathering for a strategic planning meeting. This planning meeting is to develop our future strategy in the areas of Economic Development and organizational priorities. CSDED is not JUST a planning district that helps with government project development and administration; our desire is to be responsive to the direction we are provided by our Board of Directors and economic development practitioners within the area and develop new ways to serve. CSDED strives to assist in making our region stronger, healthier and attractive to investors, employers and the work force. Our ultimate goal is to "improve the quality of life within Central SD" and we look forward to meeting with you and developing new, responsive plans for the future.

Best Regards,

David Reiss

Strategic Planning Survey

Please take a moment to assist us to prepare for our strategic planning meeting by taking the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3JHP9RG>

Thank you for your assistance!

Winter 2020

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EVENTS:

- March 26th
CSDED Board & Strategic Planning Mtg. – Pierre
- April 1st
FEMA Regional Disaster Recovery Forum-Pierre
- April 21st
GOED Annual Forum –Rapid City
- May 14th
SD Planners Association Workshop –Oacoma
- June 22nd
CSDED Board Mtg. & Regional SDDOT STIP Mtg. – Pierre

GF&P Public Outdoor Recreational Grant Opportunities

There are 2 grant programs available that offer grant assistance for park and trail type projects:

The first program is the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). This program provides funds for both motorized and non-motorized trail projects that provide public benefit. Eligible projects would include trail maintenance and restoration, trailhead facilities, trail construction equipment, new trail construction, lease or easement acquisition and education projects. Eligible applicants include local governments, nonprofit trail organizations, Federal Agencies and Tribal governments. These grants come in the form of a reimbursement at a rate of 80% of the project cost up to the approved grant amount. The application cycle is currently open and has an application deadline of April 17, 2020. The grant manual and application are available at: <https://gfp.sd.gov/parks/>. Funding for the RTP grant program comes to the State from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The second program is the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). This program provides funds for public outdoor recreation projects that meet goals identified in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Eligible applicants include cities, counties, townships and Tribal governments. These grants come in the form of a reimbursement at a rate of 50% of the project cost up to the approved grant amount. There will be an application opening later this year. The LWCF grant manual, application and the SCORP will be available at: <https://gfp.sd.gov/parks/>. Funding for the LWCF grant program comes to the State from the National Park Service (NPS).

For questions on either of these grant programs feel free to contact Randy Kittle at 605.773.5490 or randy.kittle@state.sd.us.

Governor's House and Housing

Governor's Houses are being placed throughout the central part of South Dakota!

In 2019, CSDED had 14 new purchase agreements and five houses set within our territory of the state. CSDED covers a territory with nine counties: Corson, Dewey, Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Jones, Stanley, Sully and Ziebach. There are more that will be sited in the up and coming months.

Income qualifications:

- For individuals and couples, household income cannot exceed \$52,710. For families of three or more, household income cannot exceed \$60,240.
- For individuals and families under the age of 62, net worth must be less than \$90,000 and less than \$70,000 in liquid assets.
- For individuals and families age 62 and older, net worth must be less than \$175,000 and less than \$100,00, in liquid assets.
- The house must be placed within the state of South Dakota, be used as the homebuyer's only residence, and be owned by the individual(s) living in the home.

Our members are our biggest assets when it comes to housing in your communities. If you know of anyone in your community that would qualify for a Governor's House, please pass on our contact information or send them to our website. <https://csded.org/>



New GH placed in Eagle Butte.
Photo courtesy of Four Bands Community Fund

Overcoming this Winters Illnesses

Winter finds many people avoiding the outdoors by staying cooped up in close and confining spaces. This leads to shared germs and lowers the bodies systems to fight off illnesses. But what can we do to improve the system's ability to fight?

We all know to stay home when were sick and wash, wash, wash our hands, avoid people who are sick and don't touch your face! But what other basic things should we be doing to keep our health up and avoid being sick.

Sleep! Getting enough sleep is important for a boosted immune system. Health experts recommends between 8 to 10 hours of sleep a day to keep your body in germ fighting shape. When we rest our bodies are working to rejuvenate its self.

Hydration! Are you drinking enough to flush all the toxins and germs right out of your system? Health experts will say about 13 cups for men and 9 cups for women but it also depends on how active you are and what your body needs. Every person has different needs based on climate, age, lifestyle and medical conditions.

Working out! What better way to flush the system than to sweat it out! Just going for a walk on a bright day is a great way to clear the cobwebs after being cooped up inside for a time.

That Apple a day... well there are foods out there that are awesome little sources that support your immune system. Garlic, onions, lemons, and mushrooms, all the good stuff, right?? Not always the first choice but getting fresh fruits and vegetables can give your body a fighting chance.

Stay Positive! Researchers have found that thinking positive thoughts, smiling, laughter, playing with a pet and other pleasurable activities helps to boost the immune system.

CSDED Welcomes New Board Members

The CSDED Board has welcomed three new board members in the last year. In an effort to bring fresh ideas and diversity on to our board, we have been methodically choosing individuals to round out the CSDED Board and CEDS committee. Some individuals have been recommended to us and some we have found based on their talents, passion for and their knowledge of Economic Development.

Chris Maxwell of Maxwell Consulting of Ft. Pierre and Executive Director at Capitol Area Campus joined us as a member at large in 2019. We look forward to the insights he will bring to CSDED.

Marc Benoist is the Director at the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Office of Planning and Economic Development providing a unique tribal perspective of Economic Development to the District.

Ernest Weston is the new Director of Planning and Economic Development at the Oglala Sioux Tribe in Pine Ridge. As much as we will be learning from his fresh insights; as a new director, Ernest will be learning much from us.

We look forward to the new ideas and fresh outlook as we set out to plan the next chapter of CSDED at our March 26th Board and Strategic Planning Meeting.

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Recent Funding:

- Haakon County Court House Project has received funding from the Outside Deadwood Grant (February 2020)
- The City of Blunt has received \$657,000 for Drinking Water Improvements from SD-DENR (January 2020)
- The City of Timber Lake has received a \$8,000 Small Community Planning Grant from SD-DENR to evaluate the drinking water system (February 2020)
- The City of Onida has received a \$5,746,000 funding package from SD-DENR for improvements to the drinking water and wastewater systems. (June 2019)

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.

Application Deadlines:

NOW is the time to be researching and preparing applications for projects not the 11th hour of the last day.

April 1st

CDBG – GOED

Drinking Water SRF – DENR

Clean Water SRF – DENR

April 15th

Industrial Park Grant -SDDOT

Agri-Business Grant –SDDOT

May 18th

BUILD Grant- USDOT

June 2nd

Outside Deadwood Historic Preservation Grant

July 1st

Drinking Water SRF –DENR

Clean Water SRF – DENR

2020 CSDED Officers/Executive Committee

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