

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

Briefly

In December, CSEDED welcomed back David Reiss as the Executive Director. On his second day, he hit the road to connect with member counties and communities. The past two months have been bustling with activities, as he has been revisiting the District's various initiatives, reintroducing himself to members, and discovering the progress made over the last few years. David has often remarked that "returning to CSEDED feels like coming home."

There are numerous projects currently in full swing, totaling 20. Four of these are preparing for the upcoming construction season, with bid openings and awards on the horizon. Additionally, nine projects are at different stages of application, while four others are nearing completion and awaiting final closeouts. More assistance is being sought, prepared, and submitted for new project applications.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the current projects that District members are undertaking, as well as the future initiatives on the horizon. We see expanding opportunities not just for these communities, but for the entire region.

Top 5 Community/Economic Development Priorities

According to the results of the Community and Regional Economic Development Survey:

- #1 Improve housing access and availability of affordable housing. 65.5%
- #2 Attracting new companies and/or workers 58.6%
- #3 Attracting/retraining youth and young families 58.6%
- #4 Improving public infrastructure (water, sewer, roads, etc.) 34.5%
- #5 Developing retail/service businesses 31%


Honorable mention: Developing land and/or buildings for industrial and business parks 24%

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



February 25-27, 2025
Ramkota Conference Center,
Pierre.
Register [here](#) or scan the QR
Code.



Funding Opportunities:

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4807

President Biden determined the flooding event from June 16, 2024 – July 8, 2024, in twenty-five counties through eastern SD constituted a major disaster, and the State's request was approved on August 15, 2024. An approximate of **\$2,100,000 is available via the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) under SD DR-4807**. Funding is available for local governments and certain private-non-profit organizations to apply for hazard mitigation projects that will reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impacts of future disasters. If funding cannot be used in the affected area, *then it may be available statewide regardless of whether it benefits a declared county. Update: available funding increase to approximately \$4 Million*

Digital Applications are due to the State Office of Emergency Management (OEM) via FEMA GO by COB **May 30th, 2025**; it is highly encouraged to submit applications prior to this deadline.



The Land and Water Conservation fund (LWCF) 2025 grant application is now open. Public outdoor recreation projects sponsored by city, county, township, and tribal governments are eligible to receive the grant money. This grant provides up to 50% reimbursement for acquisition and development of recreation projects. Deadline: April 25, 2025.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) 2025 grant application is now available. The grants are available for trail projects sponsored by municipalities, counties, state parks, federal land management agencies, or tribal governments. This grant provides up to 80% reimbursement for all kinds of recreational trail uses. **Deadline: April 4.**



CSDED is committed to providing assistance with applications for Business Builder Grants and other producer/processor/supply chain/ value added grants to assist with building and expanding the local food system. The Business Builder sub-award grants are designed to provide financial support for regional food businesses aiming for growth. With awards ranging from **\$35,000 to \$50,000**, these grants can make a significant difference in your operations.

The Business Builder Sub Awards can be used for a variety of purposes, including:
Staff time: Hire additional staff to support your growth initiatives. **Business planning:** Develop a comprehensive business plan to guide your future success. **Software implementation:** Invest in software solutions to streamline your operations. **Value chain and supply chain coordination:** Improve your efficiency and reach new markets. **Marketing:** Launch a marketing campaign to reach more customers. **Supply chain analysis:** Identify gaps and opportunities within your supply chain. **Equipment:** Purchase essential food safety, processing, or packaging equipment.

Eligibility requirements:

- must have a **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) from SAM.gov** (CSDED can assist with navigating this!)
- the grant funds cannot be used for production inputs (e.g., seeds, livestock),
- the investment must support increased access to local and regional markets, including some on-farm post-harvest activities (e.g., storage, processing)
- all projects must be completed by **January 1, 2028**.

Grant will be open later this spring (around March 1st) for applications. **Deadline April 30, 2025.**

Governor’s House and Housing

The Governor House Program has an updated wait time! The waiting time for a Governors house is currently 24 months, down from the 36 months wait time that was stated a year ago. We are seeing many of our 2022/2023 Purchase Agreements come to completion and houses are being placed around the region. Congrats to all the new homeowners!

The Governors House Program is continuing to experience a high demand for these affordable houses and is still taking orders. Current income qualifications are:

- Total household income cannot exceed \$66,570 for 2 people: \$76,080 for 3 or more people.
- For those age up to the age of 62: Net worth less than \$125,000; and \$105,000 in liquid assets.
- For those aged 62 and older: Net worth of less than \$250,000; and \$140,000 in liquid assets.

The current pricing:

- \$75,900 for a 2-bedroom house
- \$89,900 for a 3-bedroom house

For more information, please contact Malinda at enhancement@csded.org ,call 605-773-2780 or scan the code.



3 bed room, door right. Image courtesy of South Dakota Housing.

Application Deadlines:

March 3rd

- Shooting Range Grant – SDGFP

March 23rd

- Specialty Crop Block Grant @ DANR

March 31st

- REAP-RD

April 1st

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

April 4th

- Recreation Trails Program –SD GFP

April 25th

- Land Water Conservation Fund –SD GFP

April 30th

- Business Builder Grants -NC RFBS/USDA

May 30th

FEMA Applications for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)** @ SD OEM

Please reach out to CSDED staff ASAP for assistance with these applications.



Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is Open for Application

The Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) enhances the competitiveness of specialty crops produced in South Dakota. Specialty crops are defined as "fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture)." Grant funds can be used to increase/expand specialty crop production, market access, purchasing, and consumption, bolster food safety knowledge and processes, improve pest and disease control and environmental sustainability, contribute to new seed variety development, and expand specialty crop research and development.

Deadline is March 23, 2025.

CSDED Events:

February

19th Presidents' Day – Office Closed

25th – 27th GOED Conference

April

21st Easter Holiday

May

TBD -CSDED Budget Setting

26th Memorial 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.

Greetings from CSDED staff!

February might be a short month but we are packing in some big wins! Looking forward to warmer days in just a few weeks.

Carpe Diem,

Paul, Sadie, David and Malinda

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