

## South Central Dakota Regional Council

# 2022 AARP Community Challenge Grant Program

The **AARP Community Challenge** provides small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. This year, applications will be accepted for projects to improve public spaces, housing, transportation and civic engagement; support diversity, equity and inclusion; build engagement for programs under new federal laws; and pursue innovative ideas that support people age 50 or older.

**To Apply:** <https://aarpcommunitychallenge.secure-platform.com/a>

**Due Date:** March 22, 2022 by 5:00 p.m. (ET)

**The following are eligible to apply for the challenge:** 501(C)(3), 501(C)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits; Government entities; Other types of organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis

**The following are not eligible to apply:** Partisan, political or election-related activities; Planning activities and assessments and surveys of communities without tangible engagement; Studies with no follow-up action; Publication of books or reports; Acquisition of land and/or buildings or a vehicle purchase; Sponsorships of other organizations' events or activities; Research and development for a nonprofit endeavor; Research and development for a for-profit endeavor; The promotion of a for-profit entity and/or its products and services

## USDA Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program

The **Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP)** provides grants to help eligible processors expand their capacity. USDA Rural Development designed the MPPEP to encourage competition and sustainable growth in the U.S. meat processing sector, and to help improve supply chain resiliency.

Sole proprietor businesses or other entities that engage or want to engage in meat and poultry processing may apply for this program. The maximum grant amount is 25 million or 20% of total project costs, whichever is less. There is no minimum grant amount.

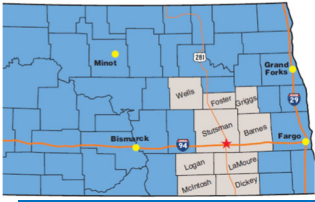
**Grant funds can be used** to expand processing capacity by supporting activities such as: Building new – or modernizing or expanding existing – processing facilities; Developing, installing, or modernizing equipment and technology; Ensuring compliance with packaging and labeling requirements; Upholding occupational and other safety requirements; Modifying facilities or equipment to protect food safety; Paying for voluntary grading services on value-added processed products; Offsetting costs associated with becoming an inspected facility; Supporting workforce recruitment, training, and retention.

Eligible applicants must: Process or plan to process one or more species subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act, or the Poultry Product Inspection Act; Have or plan to get a federal grant of inspection through USDA's food safety and inspection service, a grant of inspection under the cooperative interstate shipment program, or a federal equivalent tribal or state-based meat and poultry inspection program; Comply with the National Environment Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and all other applicable state, local or tribal laws.

**To Apply:** Check for the RFA at <https://www.grants.gov/>

**Due Date:** April 11, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. (EST)

**Don't forget to check out our loan options at SCDRC on the next page!**



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## South Central Dakota Regional Council Loan Programs

South Central Dakota Regional Council administers four economic development loan programs to assist in gap financing to start and expand businesses in the nine counties of Region VI. The application process includes submitting a loan application, cover letter, business plan and financials to the Regional Council for review by the staff and presentation to the Regional Council’s Loan Funds Committee.

Eligible applicants are businesses within the nine counties of Barnes, Dickey, Foster, Griggs, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Stutsman and Wells.

All loans are reviewed and approved by the committee members.

### New in 2021—Microloans!

**Funding Limit:** No minimum or maximum

**Fees:** Application fee, \$250; filing fees; legal fees; and 1% of value of the loan with a minimum of \$500

**Qualifications:** Do not need a lead lender or need to be in our 9 county region.

**NO LEAD LENDER NEEDED!**

### Community Development Loan Fund

**Funding Limit:** Minimum of \$50,000 and up to 50% of the project; fixed assets 20 to 25 years; equipment 5 to 7 years; inventory 3 to 5 years; working capital 1 to 5 years

**Match:** 1:1

**Qualifications:** Job creation or retention: 1 job per \$35,000

### Economic Development Association (EDA) Revolving Loan Fund

**Terms:** Minimum of \$50,000; maximum of \$300,000 and up to 33% of the project; real estate 3 to 15 years; fixed assets 8 to 10 years; equipment 5 to 7 years; inventory 3 to 5 years; working capital 1 to 3 years

**Match:** 1:1

**Qualifications:** Job creation or retention: 1 job created or retained per \$10,000

**Fees:** Application fee, \$250; filing fees; legal fees; and 1% of value of the loan with a

### USDA Intermediary Relending Program

**Terms:** Maximum of \$150,000 and up to 50% of the project; real estate 10 to 30 years; fixed assets 7 to 10 years; equipment and machinery 5 to 10 years; inventory and working capital 3 to 5 years

**Match:** 1:1

**Qualifications:** Job creation or retention

**Fees:** Application fee, \$250; filing fees; legal fees; and 2% of value of the loan with a

## Loan Funds Committee

Barnes County - Tyler Marthaler  
Dickey - Rebecca Udem  
Foster - Nikki Metz

Griggs - Chad Aberle  
LaMoure - Steve Gebhard  
Logan - Terry Schwartzenburger

McIntosh - Kent Lovell  
Stutsman - Scott Hare  
Wells - Jason Schneider