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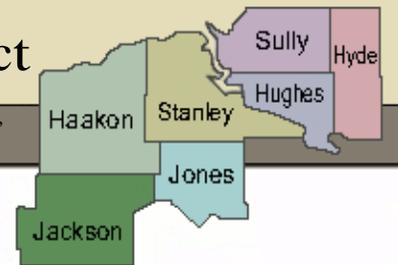
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Governor's Office of Economic Development Conference Scheduled for April 12-14, 2016

The Annual Governor's Office of Economic Development Conference is scheduled for April 12-14, 2016 in Sioux Falls. Shep Hyken, customer service expert, professional speaker and author,

will kick off the conference highlighting the parallels between selling and service, meeting and exceeding expectations, handling confrontations, building relationships and more. Hyken supports all of the concepts with specific "how to's" that the audience members will want to immediately put into action. His blend of information and humor will keep one engaged and ready to learn more. Participants will also have the chance to learn about creating better management practices, social media marketing, and Rural Community Development. For a complete copy of the program and to register online with a credit card go to <http://sdreadytopartner.com/conference.aspx>. Through April 6, the full conference fee is \$150. Online pre-registration and pre-payment close April 6, 2016. Registration after April 6 will be \$175.



Funds Awarded

The City of Murdo was awarded Transportation Alternative Program Safe Routes to School Grant for \$229,140.

The City of Philip was awarded Transportation Alternative Program Shared Use Path Grant for \$78,071.

Sully County was awarded a GOED Local Infrastructure Improvement grant award for \$400,000.00 to make improvements for better access to 186th Street for a proposed ethanol plant.

Recreational Trails Program Funding Available

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal aid assistance program to help provide and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized trail use. Applications are due April 15, 2016.

The program provides up to 80% reimbursement funds for recreational trail uses including, but not limited to:

- ◇ Pedestrian use
- ◇ Bicycling
- ◇ In-line skating
- ◇ Equestrian use
- ◇ Cross-country skiing
- ◇ Off road motorcycles
- ◇ OHV & UTV riding
- ◇ Four wheeling
- ◇ Snowmobiling



Eligible applicants include private, non-profit organizations, municipal agencies, state agencies, federal agencies and other governmental entities. RTP grant funds will not exceed 80 percent of a project's total cost. Sponsors must provide at least 20 percent of a project's cost via cash or soft-match. For assistance, please contact the District or go to <http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/partnerships/rtp.aspx> for the grant application.

Happy
Easter!



Upcoming Events/Deadlines:

CSDED Board Meeting:

Tentatively, May 5th, 2016 at 10:00 am CST

Memorial Day—May 30th—Office closed

Governor’s Office of Economic Development Conference—April 12-14, 2016

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Application Deadline—March 25

Recreational Trails Program Deadline—April 15

GOED Local Infrastructure Improvement Program and Economic Development Partnership Programs application deadlines—April 30, July 31, October 31, and January 31

DENR Application Deadlines for Water, Wastewater, and Storm Drainage Grant and Loan Funds are due April 1, July 1, October 1, and January 1. Projects must be on the State Water Plan and State Water Plan applications are due February 1, May 1, August 1, and October 1. Small Community Planning Grant applications to help pay for consulting engineers to do facility plans for water and wastewater projects can be submitted anytime.

CDBG Application Deadlines—April 1 and October 1. There are no deadlines for application involving urgent need, workforce projects, and/or special “economic development” projects.

OEM Hazard Mitigation Grant Application Deadline—May 1

SD Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Deadline—May 2

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

The SAFER application period is now open. The application period will close on Friday, March 25th, 2016.

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association.

Applicants must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and be currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM).

Visit <http://www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants> for more information on the SAFER grant program. Applications can be completed online.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides financial assistance to implement long-term hazard mitigation projects following a Presidential disaster declaration. HMGP will pay for 75% of the total project costs. In some cases, a community/entity could receive up to 20% of the match based on providing financial distress documentation.

Eligible applicants include units of governments, tribal governments, and certain private non-profit organizations or institutions. Funds may be utilized to protect either public or private property. Applications are due May 1, 2016 and are generally not the quickest to develop. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact the District as soon as possible. The District will assist with applications.

South Dakota Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant

Applications are due May 2, 2016 for the SD Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. The funds can be used for the marketing, promotion, research, food safety, nutrition, distribution, and best management practices to advance the specialty crop industry. Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture. The average size of grants awarded last year was around \$25,000. Proposals will be accepted from non-profit organizations, producer organizations, government agencies, universities, individuals and other organizations related to South Dakota’s specialty crops industry. All projects must have a very strong information dissemination and outreach component where results from the project are shared with others and that others may benefit from the project. Projects that benefit one grower, individual or product will not be funded. For more information contact Bob Weyrich, program manager, SDDA’s Western Ag Development Office at 605.431.8002 or visit <https://sdda.sd.gov/grants/specialty-crop-block-grant/>.

Community Development Block Grant Program

The CDBG program deadlines are April 1 and October 1 for the Community Projects Account. The state's CDBG program is funded through an annual formula allocation from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The program allows the state to fund a variety of different projects in small cities and rural areas. All projects must meet one of HUD's national objectives, with the primary objective to benefit people of low-moderate income (LMI), meaning at least 51% of the beneficiaries must be LMI.

Eligible applicants include all incorporated municipalities and counties. (Rapid City, Sioux Falls, and Tribal governments are the exception because these entities receive direct funding from HUD.) Eligible applicants may apply for funding on behalf of townships, unincorporated communities, and certain non-profit associations such as rural water systems.

South Dakota separates their annual allocation into three separate accounts:

1. The Community Projects Account is available for a wide range of community development needs. Typical projects include water and wastewater infrastructure, community centers, workforce training, medical centers, and senior centers.
2. The Special Projects Account is available to help communities provide industrial infrastructure to assist businesses promising to create new job opportunities for LMI persons.
3. The Imminent Threat account is available to help communities address an urgent need of recent origin which poses a risk to the health and safety of its residents.

Eligible projects must be consistent with at least one of the State's program objectives:

1. Promote more rational land use.
2. Provide increased economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons.
3. Correct deficiencies in public facilities that affect the public health, safety or welfare, especially of low and moderate income persons.

Contact Marlene or Emeline for assistance with applications as CDBG applications must be prepared and administered with the assistance of a planning district.

Healthy South Dakota Community Walkability Toolkit

The HealthySD program within the South Dakota Department of Health has available a walking toolkit to help a community, neighbors, friends, families, clubs, organizations, schools, worksites, and faith-based groups get started or maintain a regular program of physical activity—specifically walking.

The tool kit is designed to improve the health of a community through walking, and can provide the catalyst for community leaders and residents to assess the walkability of a neighborhood and advocate for action to improve and increase walkable areas. Intended audiences for this tool kit include local community leaders, volunteers, city planners, civic and service group officers, religious leaders, youth group leaders, community health advocates, policy makers, healthcare providers, worksite wellness coordinators, school leaders, and others with an interest in improving health in a community. The tool kit includes walking essentials, creating a walkable community, resources, sample walking log, and a sample walkability checklist.

If you are interested in obtaining a Walkability Toolkit, please call the District or visit <http://healthysd.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/hsd-walkingtoolkit-final.pdf>.

From the tool kit:
MAKE WALKING INTEGRAL TO YOUR DAILY LIFE
-Walk to your errands instead of driving to them
-Take the stairs instead of the elevator
-Park farther away from the mall, post office, or grocery store
-Take family walks after dinner instead of watching TV
-Walk down to the neighbor's house instead of calling them
-Instead of a coffee break, take a walk break

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CSDED Staff
Marlene Knutson, Executive Director
Emeline Post, Planner
Andrew Brick, Planner
John Coppock, Planner

New Staff

Andrew Brick

Andrew acquired a Bachelor's Degree in Geography and a minor in Political Science at Bemidji State University. Andrew continued his pursuit of higher education at MSU-Mankato, where he received his Master's degree in Geography and earned a GIS Certificate. Andrew completed internships a GIS intern at the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications (BIT) as well as a geospatial analyst position dealing with precision agriculture. Andrew's expertise is in GIS.



John Coppock

John was born and raised in Sioux Falls. He grew up working in his dad's shoe store. John attended to Augustana College in Sioux Falls and Iowa State University. Before moving back to South Dakota, John was an Assistant Planner in Lake Charles, Louisiana for five years. John's expertise is in planning and zoning.



Governor's House Program



The Governor's House Program includes opportunities for school districts, private developers, and non-profits. If you have any questions or if you know of someone who might want to purchase a home, please have them contact Emeline at the CSDED Office or go to the District website at www.csded.org.



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