

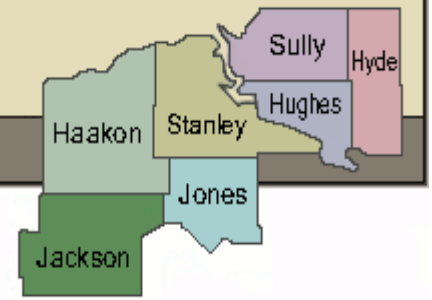
Central South Dakota Enhancement District

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Four District Counties Included In Disaster Declarations

Haakon**Hughes**Jackson**Stanley Counties were four of the 27 counties and three American Indian Reservations, included in the July 9, 2008 Presidential Disaster Declaration for Severe Storm and Flooding from June 2-12. Jackson County was also included in the May 22, 2008 Presidential Disaster Declaration involving the Severe Winter Storm and Record Snowfall incident on May 1-2, 2008.

While the federal disaster declarations allow for federal and state relief and recovery assistance for up to 90% of the eligible damage to public infrastructure, individual assistance was not included in either of the declarations for South Dakota.

Preliminary damages to public infrastructure for the June 2-12 incident period include:

- ✓ Haakon County--\$172,600
- ✓ Hughes County--\$66,158
- ✓ Stanley County--\$30,568
- ✓ Jackson County--\$77,591

Note: There may be supplemental appropriations in various federal agencies other than FEMA Disaster and/or Hazard Mitigation Funds to assist with disaster recovery projects. It may be in the best interest of a project sponsor to get cost estimates for mitigation projects—projects that solve a problem, not just repair to the pre-existing condition.

**See Story on Page 3 regarding
Emergency Management/FEMA Programs**

Dates and Deadlines



Meetings:

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| September | 22-24--County Convention, Sioux Falls |
| October | 7-10—Municipal League Convention, Pierre |
| November | 11—Veteran’s Day, Office Closed |
| | 13—CSDED Board Meeting, Tentatively |
| | 18-19—SD Housing Conference, Pierre |
| January | 21-22—2009 Governor’s Tourism Conference, Pierre |

Application Deadlines:

- 1) Wellmark Foundation—Letters of Interest are due September 21 and full proposals (if invited to apply) are due November 20, 2008.
THIS IS A CHANGE!
- 2) Deadwood Grant Applications—October 1
- 3) Hazard Mitigation Planning Grants—October 31
- 4) State Water Plan Applications—Deadlines are the 1st day of October, February, May, and August.
- 5) Consolidated Water Facility Construction Program
Deadlines are the 1st day of July, October, January and April.
- 6) Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF Loan Application Deadlines are the 15th day of July, October, January and April.
- 7) SDDENR Solid Waste Management Financing Program Deadlines are the 1st day of July, October, January and April.

Applications with No Deadlines

- Community Development Block Grant
- Rural Development Community Facility and Water and Wastewater loans and grants

Grant/Loan Funds Awarded

Philip

The City of Philip has been awarded a \$175,000 Community Development Block Grant to assist them with a \$300,000 storm sewer/drainage project.

Harrold

Harrold has been approved for a \$170,000 Clean Water State Revolving Loan from the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources as the final piece of financing for their \$400,000 Storm Water Drainage Project. Community Development Block Grant and Central Water Development District funds will also be utilized, along with local funds to complete the project.

Jackson County

Jackson County has been awarded \$24,550 from the SD Department of Health which will enable them to develop a Pandemic Flu Plan for the county.

Hughes County

Hughes County was awarded \$3,040 of Small Community Planning Grant funds from the SD Department of Water and Natural Resources toward a \$3,800 engineering study to determine the water needs of the “Cow/Spring Creek Sanitary District” area.

District staff assisted with these applications. If you are interested in learning more about project financing options for projects, please contact the CSDDED office.

SD Department of Tourism

**Great Star Service Award
and
Hospitality Certificate Programs**

Hospitality Training is always an important part of any successful tourism/service oriented business. The Great Service Star designation program is designed to identify and recognize businesses that complete a set of criteria for hospitality training of their employees, offer a comment mechanism for visitors and recognize employees for great services. Businesses must apply annually.

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In addition, if you operate a tourism based businesses and have an employee who has shown outstanding customer service, consider nominating them for the Governor’s Hospitality Certificate for Outstanding Customer Service.

These are two separate programs. Deadline is October 3. Application forms can be downloaded at www.SDVisit.com. Questions can be directed to Eileen Bertsch, at 773-3301 or eileen.bertsch@state.sd.us.

Minimum Wage Law Reminder

South Dakota’s minimum wage increased on July 24 to \$6.55 per hour and will increase to \$7.25 per hour in 2009. These steps mirror increases in the federal minimum wage laws. For most full-time hourly employees, overtime pay at a rate of not less than one and one-half times their regular rate of pay is required after 40 hours of work in a workweek. Hours paid for, but not worked, do not have to be counted toward overtime hours. If you have questions contact the SD Department of Labor and Management Division at 773-3682, visit the federal web site www.dol.gov/esa, or call the CSDDED office.

Director’s Notes

I know that counties and cities are in the midst of the 2009 budget process, and as soon as possible, please return your 2009 joint powers agreements to the office. To date those received at the office include—Haakon, Jones, and Jackson Counties, plus the communities of Onida, Highmore, Philip, Midland, and Murdo. If you have misplaced your joint powers continuation agreement, please contact the office.



John Zender, SD’s Economic Development Representative from the Economic Development Administration office in Denver was in Pierre on August 20 and met with CSDDED staff, as well as staff from Fort Pierre and Hughes County on potential Disaster Recovery Projects.

Staff is extremely busy and that is how it should be

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Important Information Regarding Emergency Management/FEMA Funding

It is crucially important that you check with the Central Enhancement District or Cindy Maszk the State Hazard Mitigation Officer to ensure you know the latest information on what is needed for your municipality/county to continue receiving available aid from FEMA. TIMES ARE CHANGING!

Mitigation Plan Updates Required /Mitigation Plan Changes

A FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan is required to be eligible for all of these programs. Currently the only county in the District with an updated plan is Jackson County. FEMA has additional rules and changes required regarding the updating of mitigation plan.

The Enhancement District can provide the necessary assistance with funding applications to update the plans and with updating the plan. Please contact the office at 773-2780 and ask for Justin. Application Deadline October 31, 2008.

Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA)

FMA grants are statewide competitive in nature and updating the mitigation plan is a priority. Typical examples of eligible projects are small flood control projects, elevation of flood prone structures, acquisition/demolition of property in areas prone to natural disaster.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program & Repetitive Flood Claims Program

Funding from this program is nationally competitive and can be used for the updating of your Hazard Mitigation Plan, small flood control projects, tornado shelters, safe rooms, and acquisition/demolition of property in areas prone to natural disaster.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – Disaster Declaration Funding from the latest severe storms and flooding that occurred this summer in South Dakota.

Limited HMGP grant dollars will become available this year and be awarded on a competitive basis statewide. HMGP dollars can be used for projects that reduce or

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eliminate damages and protect people and property from natural hazards. Typical project examples are: tornado shelters, small flood control projects, power line burial, and demolition/acquisition of property in areas prone to natural disaster, and very limited funds available for back-up generators and warning systems.

Closing Point!!!!!!!!!!!!

All of the counties within the District have had disaster declarations within the last ten years; many have had more than one. In order to keep receiving funding and be eligible for further funding you need to update you hazard mitigation plans to FEMA's new specifications. Feel free to contact Cindy Maszk at 773-3231 or Justin at the District for more information.

“Director’s Notes” continued

as we continue to serve our members. Please do not hesitate to contact the office. While I may have left something out, projects currently being worked on or scheduled include: Philip, Fort Pierre and Harrold storm sewer projects, McLaughlin and Agar fire hall projects, Onida and Midland ordinance revisions, Jackson County Personnel Policy manual draft update, Jackson County Pandemic Plan, Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant applications for Hyde and Hughes/Stamley, and Sully Counties, Deadwood grant for Hyde County, Jones County and Murdo parcel mapping projects, Hughes County—Spring Creek Water Project; Mid-Dakota Rural Water System environmental assessment for Rural Development financing and DWSRF loan request, Onida and Fort Pierre’s Comprehensive Plans, Highmore and Murdo recreation plans/projects, District brochure development, plus serving as sales representative for the Governor’s House and meeting the requirements of the Economic Development Administration planning grant. Projects are in various stages from just being on the drawing board to regrouping and trying to find additional sources of financing for projects.

Due to numerous meetings, the next board meeting is scheduled for November 13.

SBA Finance Training

If you are a commercial lending officer, business development officer, economic development professional, commercial attorney, commercial realtor, or accountant you might consider attending one of the three SBA (Small Business Administration) Lender Training Seminars on September 23 in Aberdeen, September 24 in Sioux Falls or September 25 in Mitchell.

Effective August 1, SBA made changes to their operating procedures. The agenda includes training on the SBA 504 program (fixed long-term financing), as well as the SBA 7A, SBA Express Lending and SBA Small Rural Lender Advantage.

Training is sponsored by the First District Development Company and the SBA. The cost is \$30 and pre-registration should be made by September 15th. Contact the First District Development Company at 882-5115 for a registration form and to ensure space availability.

SDDENR Program Deadlines

State Water Plan—In order to apply for certain state grant and loan funds for water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and lake, stream and watershed projects, the projects must be listed on the State Water Plan. Projects should be ready to initiate construction within two years. Preliminary engineering reports with cost estimates must be included as part of the application (see small cities planning grant). Being listed on the plan does not guarantee state financing assistance. Deadlines are October 1, February 1, May 1, and August 1. Projects meeting the October 1 deadline are placed on the plan for a two year period, while those meeting the other deadlines are placed on the plan for the balance of the current calendar year and the following year.

Small Cities Planning Grant—Grants are available to communities having a population of 2,500 or less. This program provides funds to hire an engineering consultant to develop a project specific engineering report for water and wastewater related projects. These grants are based on an 80/20 matching ratio up to \$6,000 for a water project or \$8,000 for a wastewater project if infiltration and inflow analysis

is included. **Note:** The project cannot be on the state water plan. If you would like an analysis of your community’s water or sewer rates, a community can utilize this funding source to hire a consultant that utilizes the Show-me Ratemaker process. Funds are available on an 80/20 matching ratio up to \$1,600.

Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Grant (CWFC) Grants and Loans, Clean Water (wastewater/storm sewer) Revolving Loan funds (CWSRF), and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Funds (DWSRF)

—To utilize these funds, the project must be listed on the State Water Plan at least three months prior to applying for funding. CWFC grant and or loan application deadlines are January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. There are criteria for minimum water and or sewer rates-depending on the project before a grant application will be accepted. Loans are based on 5% for up to 20 years.

The DWSRF and CWSRF loan rates are normally 3.25% for 20 years, 3.5% for 30 years (CWSRF only), and 2.5% for 10 years. There are special rates for disadvantaged communities based on median household income if the project is water related. Loan rates may vary from year to year. There are public hearings required for these two loan programs. Deadlines for applications are January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15.

Traffic Sign Reflectivity Standards

Traffic signs provide important information to drivers at all times—day and night. The 2003 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) addresses minimum reflectivity levels that must be maintained for traffic signs. Agencies have until January 2012, to establish and implement a sign assessment or management method to maintain minimum levels of sign reflectivity. The compliance date for regulatory, warning and ground-mounted guide signs is January 2015 and for overhead guide signs and street name signs the compliance date is January 2018. While some of the counties in the District have started the process, others have not. For assistance in meeting these requirements, please contact Cliff Reuer of the SD Department of Transportation at 773-5361.



News Notes

Great Events Wanted—The South Dakota Office of Tourism provides assistance to selected event coordinators and supports promotional efforts for designated events in order to boost visitor spending and increase the economic events in host communities. Applications are due October 1. Events must be two or more days in length, an annual event, a unique event (no Fourth of July, Labor Day, etc. celebrations), and must have visitor appeal with growth potential (growth potential is defined as rooms available in hotels/motels). The event can occur any time during the year. Religious, political or for-profit events are not eligible. Contact Joey Hockett at 773-3301 or visit <http://www.sdvisit.com/programs/coop/greatevents/index.asp>.

2008 Ballot Questions—For information on the November 2008 Ballot Issues go to the South Dakota Secretary of State's web site at www.sdsos.gov. The title, explanation and effect of a vote for each ballot questions were provided by the Attorney General.

Dakota Dreams Savings Fund—For individuals and families who qualify a matched savings account up to \$8,000 may be their opportunity to help them become a homeowner, obtain a post-secondary education or help start or expand their business. For more information visit www.dakotadreamsavingsfund.org. Residents in Hughes, Sully, Hyde and Stanley counties may contact Maureen Nelson (NESDCAP) at 1-888-202-4855. Residents in Jackson and Haakon counties may contact Angie Mayes (WSDCA) at 1-800-327-1703. Residents in Jones County may contact Kaylene Marts (ROCS) at 1-877-254-6110.



Governor's House Program

The Governor's House Program has been in existence since 1995.

Do you know someone who:

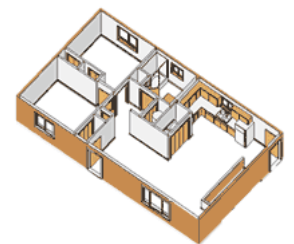
- ✓ IS having trouble finding a place to live where they work?
- ✓ IS renting an apartment that doesn't fit their family's needs anymore?
- ✓ IS having trouble finding a quality home at an affordable price?
- ✓ WOULD like to stay in their hometown and be able to purchase a new house?

PURCHASING A GOVERNOR'S HOUSE MAY BE THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A HOME OWNER!

Income Qualifications Apply!

This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home is 1,008 square feet energy efficient homes comes complete with kitchen cupboards, bathroom fixtures, a furnace, hot water heater, and washer and dryer hook-ups. The house does not come with appliances or floor coverings.

Purchaser is responsible for financing the house like any other house you might purchase. Purchase is responsible for purchase of home, lot/land costs, foundation/basement, floor coverings, appliances, entrance steps, utility connections and hook-up fees, building permits, plus, sidewalks, driveway, curb and gutter as applicable.



Show House There is a show house located in Fort Pierre, but it has been sold so will not be here much longer.

To learn more about the Governor's House Program or if you know someone who might want to purchase the home, please have them contact the CSDED's staff at 773-2780 or by e-mail enhancement@csded.org

Central South Dakota Enhancement District's
Mission: Working together to improve the
quality of life within our region.

CSDED members and staff strive to create
wealth and lessen poverty from a "wholistic"
approach by promoting a favorable business
environment, while attracting private capital and
jobs through capacity-building, infrastructure
development, planning, research and strategic
initiatives.

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