

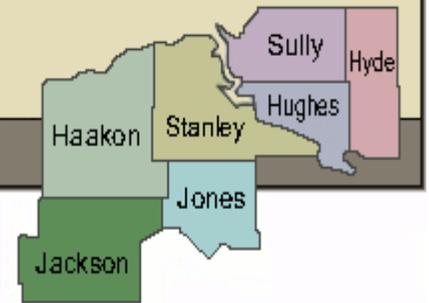
# Central South Dakota Enhancement District

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## Upcoming Events/Deadlines

New Years Holiday, January 1—Office Closed  
Martin Luther King Day—Jan. 21—Office Closed

Legislative Session Opens Jan. 8, 2013 at noon

CSDED Board Meeting—February 14, 2013 tentative  
1:30 p.m. CSDED Conference Room

Feb. 18--President's Day, Office Closed

**SDDOT Programs: Community Access Application Deadline**—July 15, 2013. **Industrial Park and Agri-Business Application Deadlines** -- April 15, July 15, and October 15. **Safe Routes to School Deadline**—April 12, but first time applications must meet with SDDOT by February 8, 2013.

**SDDENR 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 Feb 1, May 1, and August 1, and October 1. Small Community Planning Grant applications can be submitted anytime—grants to help pay for consulting engineers to do facility plans for water and wastewater projects.

**CDBG Application Deadlines**—April 1 and October 1. Note: This is a change to the program. There are no deadlines for applications involving urgent need, workforce projects, and/or special “economic development” projects.



## Broadband Initiative Program

The South Dakota Bureau of Information and Telecommunications (BIT) recently received a federal grant to collect information on the availability and use of broadband services in South Dakota under the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) State Broadband Data and Development Program. By visiting [www.broadband.sd.gov](http://www.broadband.sd.gov) you can test what connection speed you should be getting at your current address, as well as see connection speeds/levels, and more throughout the state.

The South Dakota Broadband initiative offers free advice, by providing professionals to assess the technological capabilities, and make recommendations for potential improvements. The ‘Technology Assessment’ process includes three phases:

1. To give a detailed description of what your current infrastructure consists.
2. To evaluate the infrastructure and determine its strengths and weaknesses with respects to current hardware, daily practices and cyber security.
3. To work with you in developing a plan to implement any changes or improvements, and assisting in the implementation.

The SD Broadband Initiative offers discounts on a wide range of hardware including: network hardware, servers, desktops, laptops, wireless hardware and more. It is recommended that prior to purchasing any technology from them, that entities conduct a ‘technology assessment’ to insure the purchases will meet expected needs. If applying for grant money in order to purchase equipment, a ‘technology assessment’ is mandatory.

Examples of potential organizations eligible for a ‘technology assessment’ and grant money include: government offices, schools, libraries, public safety offices, medical facilities, etc. For information, contact Justin at CSDED or visit [www.broadband.sd.gov](http://www.broadband.sd.gov).

## Highlights from the CSDED/CEDS Regional Development Survey

The following regional needs or issues identified at the September 14, 2012 CSDED board meeting are a hindrance to community and economic development.

- 1) Drainage/Infrastructure Needs
- 2) Road and Rail Improvements
- 3) Housing needs for workforce population, rental units, and elderly housing units.
- 4) Community Beautification—Abandoned/Dilapidated Buildings
- 5) Need for Population Retention
- 6) Need for more Business Recruitment

Many of the needs identified at the September CSDED/CEDS board meeting were also identified in the Regional Development Survey that was conducted in October/November. Survey results indicated that the most important short-term development issues this region must address to enhance growth and economic development are: Housing (60.5%), Main Street Revitalization (39.5%) and Infrastructure (34.2%). Long-term development issues include: Housing (63%), Infrastructure (44%), Business Recruitment (33%), and Roads/Bridges (29.6).

Workshop/Educational Programs that members would like to see were identified at the December 12, 2012 meeting and included housing, financial programs, GOED Resources/websites, marketing a community, and tourism. Discussion also centered on could the training be completed over the state's Digital Dakota Network so more people could attend. It was noted that most local economic/community development efforts are undertaken by volunteers who often limits travel due to work commitments and or financial capabilities.

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### Safe Routes to School Program

The Safe Routes to School Program was created by the U.S. Congress as part of a federal transportation bill called [SAFETEA-LU](#). Safe Routes was created to accomplish three goals:

1. To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities to walk and bicycle to school
2. To make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age
3. To facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution near schools

The program accomplishes this by providing funding opportunities for schools and communities to undertake educational and promotional projects that encourage walking and biking options, as well as small scale infrastructure projects that fill gaps in the existing bicycle and pedestrian system. Projects are 100 percent federally funded and do not require a local match. Completed applications must be postmarked by April 12, 2013. Those applying for funding for the first time must schedule to meet with the Safe Routes to School Coordinator before February 8, 2013.

The infrastructure projects will be designed and constructed by the SDDOT. For non-infrastructure projects, Safe Routes to School is a **reimbursement** program -- not a grant program. This means that the selected applicants will be entitled to request reimbursements from SDDOT for an amount agreed upon at the time of selection. The applicant first must spend funds that it already has secured -- **cash will not be provided up-front**. Any work on the project that was performed prior to the project's selection, including preparation of the application, is not eligible for reimbursement. There are two main criteria that will determine if your school and your project are eligible for funding under the Safe Routes to School Program:

1. Program funding is only for elementary and middle schools
2. Programs and projects must be within a two-mile radius of the school.

## Communities Awarded Funds

The city of Fort Pierre has been reserved a \$65,800 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to assist with sanitary sewer system repairs due to a collapsed sewer main. The entire project is estimated at \$88,100. The city has also been reserved \$151,500 of CDBG funds to assist with storm sewer development estimated to \$252,530.

In late September, the SD Board of Water and Natural Resources awarded the City of Eagle Butte \$593,000 of DWSRF loan funds of which \$474,400 was loan forgiveness. The project involved the installation of an AMR Meter System. The city was also awarded \$1,244,000 of DWSRF Loan funds of which \$995,200 is principal forgiveness for a water distribution improvements project. Further, the city was awarded \$1,561,000 of CWSRF loan funds and \$173,500 of Consolidated Water Facility Grant funds for wastewater collection improvements.

In late September, the SD Board of Water and Natural Resources awarded Dupree \$163,500 of DWSRF loan funds of which \$100,000 is principal forgiveness for a water main distribution replacement project. The city has also been reserved \$234,000 of CDBG funds for the project.

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## Governor's House Program

In 2012, South Dakota Housing Development Authority made energy and design improvements to the Governor's House. This 2-bedroom, 1 bath, 1,008 square feet energy efficient home 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.

Individuals who net worth and income qualify are eligible to purchase the home. New Income guidelines will be effective sometime in January 2013. It is anticipated income guidelines for households

of two or less will go from \$42,280 to \$44,660 and for households of three or more will go from \$48,320 to \$51,040. These guidelines apply to when purchasing the house and it is not intended that households never make more than these amounts.

Rural School Districts may now purchase the homes to house school employees and no income guidelines must be met. Private developers are now allowed to use Governor's Houses in housing developments as long as the final purchasers are income and net worth qualified. Non-profits may purchase Governor's Houses to be utilized as rental units only under financing programs that require long-term affordable rent limits targeting low-income families and have ongoing federal or state compliance requirements and monitoring. To learn more about the Governor's House Program, or if you know of someone who might want to purchase the home, please contact Al at the CSDED Office or go to the District website at

[www.csded.org](http://www.csded.org)



## SD Tourism Conference Scheduled

The Annual SD Tourism Conference is scheduled for January 16-17 in Pierre with a theme of Connect, Collaborate and Create.

Some of the key note topics include:

- **INSIDE the Box:** Collaborate with Maxine Shapiro. Attendees will experience the components for collaboration, communication and creativity in the workplace.
- Learn how to market your business with Ted Sullivan.
- Stuart Ellis-Myers will be focusing on communication leadership, sales and customer relationship practices that will yield you measurable results.

For a complete copy of the program and to register online with a credit card payment go to [www.sdvisit.com](http://www.sdvisit.com). Registration is \$175 on or before January 7 and \$225 thereafter, except for on-site registration which will be \$275.

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*During the Holiday Season,  
Our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress and success possible.  
We simply, but sincerely, say Thank You and Happy*

