

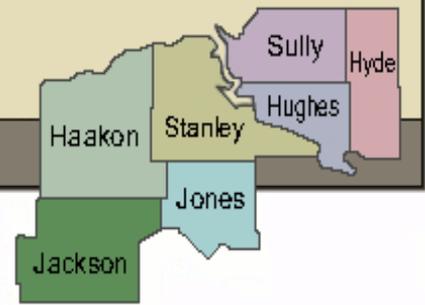
Central South Dakota Enhancement District

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Upcoming Events/Deadlines

New Years Holiday, January 2—Office Closed
Martin Luther King Day-Jan. 16—Office Closed

Legislative Session Opens Jan. 10, 2012 at noon

CSDED Board Meeting—February 9, 2012 tentative
1:30 p.m. CSDED Conference Room

Municipal Government Day at the Legislature—
February 7 & 8, 2011

Feb. 21-President’s Day, Office Closed

SDDOT Enhancement Application Deadline—
February 1, 2012

SDDENR Application Deadlines for Water, Wastewater, and Storm Drainage Grant and Loan Funds are due April 1, July 1 & October 1. Projects must be on the state water plan and state water plan applications are due Feb1, May, 1 and August 1.

CDBG Application Deadlines—April 15, July 15, and October 15. Note: This is a change to the program. There are no deadlines for applications involving urgent need and/or special “economic development” projects.



Ethanol Infrastructure Incentive Program

The Ethanol Infrastructure Incentive Program is designed to assist retailers across the state with costs associated with the installation of blender pumps. The State of South Dakota has allocated \$3.5 million over the next five years to get the program on its feet. In 2012, \$950,000 will be available for ethanol blender pumps installations at retail motor fuel stations. Funds can only be used for dispenser, associated hardware, and other tank fueling infrastructure.

The program awards up to \$25,000 for the first pump and \$10,000 for each additional pump. A portion of the annual fund allocation will be awarded on a first-come-first-serve basis. The last \$190,000 funds will be awarded competitively. Applications will be accepted starting Jan. 9, 2012 through June 30, 2012. For more information contact Hunter Roberts at Hunter.Roberts@state.sd.us.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds Awarded

Fort Pierre has been awarded \$466,472 by the SD Office of Emergency Management under the Hazard Mitigation Grant program to assist with the purchase and removal of three structures due to land movement issues. The property owners will be providing 25% match for the funds.



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 March 22, 2012. Those applying for funding for the first time must schedule to meet with the Safe Routes to School Coordinator before March 22, 2012.

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.

SDDOT Transportation Enhancement Applications Due February 1

Transportation Enhancement (TE) activities are federally funded, community based projects that enhance the transportation system through preservation of visual and cultural resources and that improve the quality of life for South Dakota citizens. TE projects must have a link to the transportation system and be one of the 12 eligible activities as listed below:

1. Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles.
2. Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists.
3. Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites.
4. Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities).
5. Landscaping and other scenic beautification.
6. Historic preservation.
7. Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals).
8. Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails).
9. Control and removal of outdoor advertising.
10. Archaeological planning and research.
11. Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity.
12. Establishment of transportation museums.

Applications are due February 1st of each year. Successful applicant's TE projects are then programmed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). For more information, please contact Al or Justin at the CSDED Office.

Highlights from the CSDED Regional Development Survey

The following regional needs were identified at the September, 2011 CSDED board meeting and prioritized.

- 1) Lack of Affordable Housing
- 2) Improving Infrastructures, especially streets/roads.
- 3) Attracting new businesses and investment
- 4) Housing for the elder—assisted living centers.
- 5) Development of alternative energy-bio-fuels and wind energy.

Many of the needs identified at the September CSDED board meeting were also identified in the Regional Development Survey that was conducted in September and October. Survey Results indicated that the most important development issues this region must address to enhance growth and economic development are housing and job creation. Priority items CSDED should focus on include--project planning & financial packaging as highest priority followed by housing development and business assistance.



Governor's House Program

In 2011, South Dakota Housing Development Authority made energy and design improvements to the Governors House. To learn more about the Governor's House Program, or if you know of someone who might want to purchase the home, please have them contact AI at the CSDED Office or go to the District website at www.csded.org.



Median Age 2000 to 2010

The District median age continues to increase at a greater % increase than State or Nation rate.

Area	2010	2000	%Change
Haakon	48.8	41.3	18.16%
Hughes	39.8	37.5	6.13%
Hyde	46.4	42.2	9.95%
Jackson	31.5	30.6	2.94%
Jones	46.9	41.1	14.11%
Stanley	41.9	37.6	11.44%
Sully	46.6	40	16.50%
District	43.1	38.6	11.69%
State	36.9	35.6	3.65%
US	37.2	35.3	5.38%

Source: www.census.gov,
Pop. Census 2010, Census 2000 P13, STF1

*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
Holidays!*



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