

Central South Dakota Enhancement District

"Assisting Communities, Businesses and Individuals in Achieving Their Highest Economic Potential"

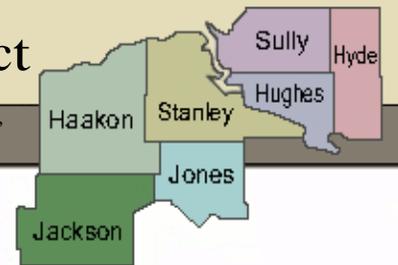
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South Dakota Tourism Conference Scheduled for January 19-21, 2016

The Annual SD Tourism Conference is scheduled for January 19-21, 2015 at the Ramkota River Center in Pierre with the theme "Be Monumental."

BE MONUMENTAL
2016 SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE
ON TOURISM **JANUARY 19-21**

Some of the key topics include:

- ◇ Get what you Want With What You've Got , with Christine Cashen
- ◇ What the Smartest Destinations Are Doing Right, with Doug Lansky

For a complete copy of the program and to register online with a credit card go to www.southdakotatourismconference.com. Through January 14, the full conference fee is \$275. Online pre-registration and pre-payment close January 14, 2016. The on-site registration fee is \$325.

"So You Want to Work on Federally Financed Jobs" Seminar Held

The Central South Dakota Enhancement District's (CSDED) Regional Workshop took place on December 22, 2015 at the Capital University Center in Pierre. The seminar was hosted by CSDED in partnership with the Governor's Office of Economic Development, South Dakota Small Business Development Center, Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce, Capital University Center, SD Rural Development Office, Associated General Contractors of South Dakota, Inc. Highway-Heavy Utilities Chapter, US Small Business Administration and US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.

Marcella Hurley, Pierre Regional Director with the Small Business Development Center discussed registration and renewal in Systems Award Management, otherwise known as SAM, and also presented on the advantages of being registered as a minority or women owned business and how to register. Marlene Knutson and Emeline Post, CSDED staff, reviewed completing Certified Payroll Reports and Employee Interview Reports. Attendees were from Pierre and Rapid City.

During this Holiday Season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress and success possible. We simply, but sincerely, say Thank You and Have a Blessed New Year!

Funds Awarded

The Town of Blunt was awarded two SDDENR Small Community Planning Grants. One for a Storm Water Study for \$7,120 and the other for a Wastewater Study for \$10,000.

The City of Fort Pierre was awarded a Wellmark Kickstarter Grant for \$10,000 for a neighborhood park project. The City of Fort Pierre was also awarded an Active Transportation Technical Assistance Grant through the SD Department of Health.

Sully County was awarded a SDDOT Agri-Business Grant for \$400,000 to make improvements for better access to 186th Street for a proposed ethanol plant.

Upcoming Events/Deadlines:

January 1—Office Closed for New Year’s Holiday

January 18—Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 19-21—SD Tourism Conference, Pierre

Legislative Session—January 12 - March 10
 March 29—Final Day

February 3—Municipal Day at the Legislature

CSDED Board Meeting:
 Tentatively, January 14, 2016, 1:00 pm CST, CSDED Conference Room

February 15—Office closed for Presidents’ Day

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters & EMS Grant Application

Deadline—January 15

SDDOT Bridge Improvement Grant application deadline—January 31

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

OEM Hazard Mitigation Grant Application Deadline—May 1

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.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides financial assistance to implement long-term hazard mitigation projects following a Presidential disaster declaration. The State of South Dakota received a Presidential Disaster Declaration as a result of June 2016 statewide severe storms and has subsequently received approximately \$440,000 that is available for hazard mitigation projects that will reduce the loss of life and property by from future disasters. HMGP will pay for 75% of the total project costs. 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. HMPG Plans are eligible and other eligible HMGP projects may include, but are not limited to:

- ◇ Acquisition and relocation of structures from hazard-prone areas
- ◇ Retrofitting structures and facilities to minimize damages from floods, landslides/erosion, high winds, wildfires, earthquake, or other natural disasters.
- ◇ Storm shelter construction
- ◇ Structural hazard controls such as debris basins, floodwalls, riprap, or wetland restoration.
- ◇ Storm water or infrastructure protective measures.

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.

SDDOT Grant Programs Available

The South Dakota Department of Transportation has available a grant program to foster economic development and enhance community access. **Industrial Park**—grants are available to any local units of government for the development of new or expanded road/street access for new industry located within industrial parks (deadline April 15, July 15, or October 15). **Agri-Business**—grants are available to governmental units for the development of new or expanded agri-businesses (deadline April 15, July 15, or October 15). **Community Access**—grants are state funds available to towns/counties less than 5,000 in population and are for the construction or reconstruction of major streets such as Main Street, the road to the elevator, schools, hospitals, etc (deadline July 15). These programs provide for 60% of the construction costs of the project, not including engineering or utility work. Please contact the District if you need assistance with an application. Applications will need engineering reports with cross-sectional drawings and cost estimates.

2015 CSDED Officers/Executive Committee

- Vikki Day, Chairperson, Highmore
- Steve Harding, Vice-Chairman, Pierre
- Gloria Hanson, Sec/Treasurer, Fort Pierre
- Ron Van Den Berg, Hyde County
- Monte Anker, Jones County
- CSDED Staff
- Marlene Knutson, Executive Director
- Emeline Post, Planner

Bridge Improvement Grants

The Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) program was created by the 2015 legislative session in Senate Bill 1 (SB 1). SB 1 states that in order to be eligible for a BIG grant, a county must impose a wheel tax, and must have a County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan. The plans detail proposed highway and bridge improvement projects in the county for the next five years. Funding for cities and/or counties is being made available for eligible bridges for preservation, rehabilitation, or replacement. Authorized work will be funded at 80 percent of eligible costs through the BIG fund. The city/county will be responsible for 20 percent of eligible costs and for 100 percent of non-eligible costs. Right-of-Ways, utility relocations, roadway surfacing to the bridge, fencing, aesthetics, permanent signing, and off-site environmental mitigation costs are considered non-eligible. Minimum grant costs, including engineering, is \$30,000 for preservation projects and \$100,000 for rehabilitation or replacement projects. Applications are due January 31, 2016.

Economic Development Partnership Program

This program provides matching grants to assist in funding equipment and training needs, new staff, or to elevate existing part-time staff, for the purpose of developing or expanding local and community economic development programs. Economic Development Partnership Funds may also be used to commence or replenish local revolving loan funds and infrastructure for the purpose of creating jobs. Any nonprofit development corporation, tribal government, municipality, county, or other political subdivision of this state may apply to the Board of Economic Development for an Economic Development Partnership Grant under this program. Applicants work with the planning districts to submit a completed application to the board before they will be considered for funding. Applications are due July 31st, October 31st, January 31st, April 30th Please contact the District if you're interested in applying or would like more information.

Governor's House Program

The Governor's House Program is for low-income individuals or families who are looking for an option to own their own home. Qualifications for the program: household income cannot exceed \$45,290 for couples or individuals and \$51,760 for families of three or more. For families and individuals under the age of 62, net worth must be less than \$90,000 and less than \$70,000 in liquid assets. For families and individuals age 62 and older, net worth must be less than \$175,000 and less than \$100,000 in liquid assets. All qualification figures are subject to change. The house must be used as the homebuyer's only residence, must be placed within South Dakota, and must be owned by the individual(s) living in the home. There is the two-bedroom 1,008 square feet standard and reverse layout as well as a narrow house layout. There is a standard and reverse three-bedroom floor plan (pictured above) which is 1,200 square feet.



The house price, which includes delivery and placement, is **\$40,500** for the two-bedroom and **\$47,200** for the three-bedroom plus excise and sales tax. The house price is subject to change. To learn more about the Governor's House Program, including opportunities for school districts and private development, income guidelines, or if you know of someone who might want to purchase a home, please have them contact Emeline Post at the CSDED office or go to the District website at www.csded.org.

Highlights from the CSDED CEDS Annual Update!

The following regional needs were identified at the September 10 and December 15, 2015 meetings through the annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy process and via the annual survey.

1. Housing—affordable workforce-type housing, family rental unites, and elder housing units.
2. Workforce Development—labor availability to meet needs.
3. Infrastructure—streets/roads, rail development, water, sewer, sidewalks, etc.
4. Passenger Air Service—keeping the passenger air service out of the Pierre Airport
5. Business/Retail Growth and Development—continued growth of retail and businesses that stimulate community economic prosperity
6. Industrial Growth—Industry growth brings jobs and money into communities
7. Land Availability—both for commercial and future housing development. Some areas may need to look outside city limits future development.
8. Zoning—the lack of zoning in some communities may prevent business from coming to town. This can also be a tool for structured development.
9. Abandoned/Dilapidated Buildings—ordinance development, guidance protocols. This will lead to land for development while also solving potential health hazards due to having these types of structures in a community.
10. Rail Service—critical as a part of the import/export of agriculture, energy, and other raw products

The training needs identified at the CSDED CEDS board meeting were also re-iterated in the Regional Development Survey that was conducted:

1. Financing Programs (emphasis on infrastructure)
2. Nuisance Issues and How to Handle Them
3. Housing Development

The CSDED newsletter pertains to items of interest to CSDED members and those we serve. This newsletter is funded in part by the Economic Development Administration, US Department of Commerce.

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