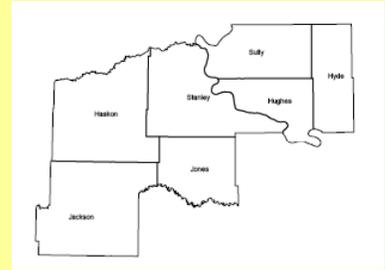


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Working Together We Can Succeed

District Happenings

Highmore Awarded \$250,000

CWFC Grant Funds

The City of Highmore was awarded \$250,000 of Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Grant funds towards an approximately \$2,040,000 storm sewer project. The city will now begin to secure the remaining financing needed for the project.

There are many other new and exciting things happening at the Central SD Enhancement District. Besides the Highmore storm sewer project, staff are working with Fort Pierre on a storm water drainage project, Agar on a fire hall project, and Haakon County on a library project, Information on the Governor's House has also been given to numerous individuals, While the show house that had been located in Fort Pierre has been sold, it is anticipated that a new spec house should be available in the near future. Assistance was also given to Highmore in their efforts to secure a state built Day Care Center. Work was completed on a contract with the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), and continues on

existing and new contracts with the Economic Development Association (EDA.).

Please make a note to check out our updated website at www.csded.org



DATES & DEADLINES

July 4th—Office Closed

July 12—CSDED Board Meeting, 10 a.m.
Stanley County Courthouse

July 15--CWSRF and DWSRF Applications
due, next deadline October 15
-- LWCF Applications Due

August 1—Community Access Grants Due
--State Water Plan Applications
Due

Marlene Knutson Joins Staff as Executive Director

I joined the staff of the Central SD Enhancement District as the Executive Director on May 15 and am happy to be here. Immediately before coming to the CSDED, I worked as the Executive Director for the Lemmon Area Charitable and Economic Development Corporation for approximately a year and a half. Before that, I worked for the First District Association of Local Governments in Watertown for 26+ years in various capacities. Many of those years were spent working with local units of government in project financial development and packaging, along with project administration. Other areas included development of personnel policies for units of government, assisting with environmental reviews for businesses and governments wishing to utilize various federal dollars, researching federal and state laws, leadership training, etc.

While the CSDED has seen three of its staff members leave and the office move to a new location since January, my goal, with your help and support, is to move the CSDED forward—rebuilding while enhancing services to its members. The office is currently advertising for a planner in this rebuilding effort. If you are currently working on a project that the District is to provide services for or would like District assistance on a new project, please call. The more information I have regarding your needs, the better this office can serve you. Further, I would not like a project to fall through the cracks, and have someone miss a deadline for an application or the requirements of an existing grant.

On a personal note, my husband and I, along with our two grown sons and their wives have a cow/calf operation near McIntosh, South Dakota. We moved west in 2005, as we lost several acres of land in Day County to flood waters beginning in the late 1990's.

And yes, that water is still covering that land in Day County. As the guys were tired of herding cows with boats and building fence in the water, it was decided to relocate. Thus, the new adventure began.

If you have questions concerning a project, the 2008 budget, or if you would like me to come to your county commission meeting or city council meeting, please contact me at 773-2782. I look forward to meeting you all.

We will be successful with ongoing participation from local governments & development groups. Tangible results, such as job creation or public & private investment will be measured by the ability of the region to adapt to opportunities & challenges.

Governor's House Program

As of March, 2007 the following income guidelines are in effect in order to purchase a home. Non-profits may also purchase the homes for resale to qualified buyers. This could be your communities answer to a single family housing shortage.

- Households of 2 or less must have an income less than \$31,980
- Households of 3 or more must have an income less than \$37,310
- Households under 62 years of age must have a net worth less than \$90,000, of which no more than \$70,000 may be in liquid assets.
- Households over 62 years of age must have a net worth less than \$175,00, of which no more than \$100,000 may be in liquid assets.

To learn more about the Governor's House Program please contact Elizabeth at the CSDED Office at 773-2780.

Don't Forget!

Starting July 24, 2007 the South Dakota minimum wage increases to \$5.85 an hour. For more information please visit the SD Department of Labor website at www.sdjobs.org

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Plan

If you can't make it to the next Central SD Enhancement Board meeting on Thursday, July 12 10 a.m. at the Stanley County Courthouse in Fort Pierre, the SD Department of Transportation will be holding public informational meetings on the plans at the following locations.

- July 17, 2007 Aberdeen Ramada Inn 7pm
- July 18, 2007 Sioux Falls Ramkota Hotel 7pm
- July 19, 2007 Mitchell at the Davison County Fairgrounds at 7pm
- July 24, 2007 Pierre at the Kings Inn at 7pm
- July 26, 2007 Rapid City at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center at 7pm

"Each time someone stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, they send forth a tiny ripple of hope."
- Robert F. Kennedy



Central SD Special Community Events

July 14---Family Fun Days at Farm Island Recreation Area

August 2-4-- Haakon/Jackson County Fair
August 9-12-- Sully County Fair in Onida

Would your community like to submit a date or brief paragraph for a special happening in your community for posting on the District's web site? This is a great way to tell what's happening in your area and stimulate tourism/economic development dollars in your area. For more information, or to submit an article or event date please email enhancement@csted.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

One-on-One Business Counseling Services Available

Marcella Hurley of the Small Business Development Center in Pierre provides no-cost, confidential, one-on-one business counseling to individuals and/or existing businesses in the area. Counseling sessions are based on the need of the individual client and can range from business plans to financial packaging to marketing research to QuikBooks training. The SBDC is located within the Central SD Enhance District Office. If you know of someone who would like to start a business or a business person who would like to discuss their ideas, please have them call Marcella Hurley at 773-2783.

Project Financing Options

Below are just a few of the grant and loan programs available from the State of South Dakota and or the federal government to help communities in their project development financing efforts. Please contact the Central Enhancement District staff for more information and assistance with applications.

State Water Plan—In order to apply for certain state grant and loan funds, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and lake, stream and watershed projects must be listed on the State Water Plan. Project 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.

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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. CWFC grant and or loan applications 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. Current minimums for municipalities are \$20/5,000 gallons/month for water and \$17/5,000 gallons/month for wastewater.

The DWSRF and CWSRF loans 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. There are public hearings required for these two loan programs. Deadlines for applications are January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)—Grant funds are available to cities and counties, which may apply on behalf of other non-profits or units of governments, for such projects as water, sewer, fire halls, community centers, health care clinics, rural water expansion projects, libraries, storm sewer/water etc. Funds may also be utilized for infrastructure to serve new or expanding businesses/manufacturing facilities. There are no deadlines, but applications will usually require preliminary engineering report with drawing and cost estimates, plus there are public hearing requirements and income eligibility requirements.

USDA Rural Development/Rural Utility Services—Grants and loans are available to construct, enlarge or improvement community facilities including community centers, fire halls,

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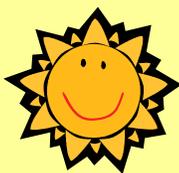
health care facilities, water and sewer systems, etc. Loans and grant ratios and loan rates are based on median household income. Terms can go up to the life of the project.

Department of Transportation Community Access Grants—These are very competitive grants available to communities under 5,000 in population on a 60/40 matching ratio, plus the local must pay for an engineer. Projects can involve construction or upgrading/repair involving the main access streets/road to elevators, central business district, schools and/or hospital. Engineering reports with cross section drawings and cost estimates are required for the application. Deadline for the applications are normally around August 1.

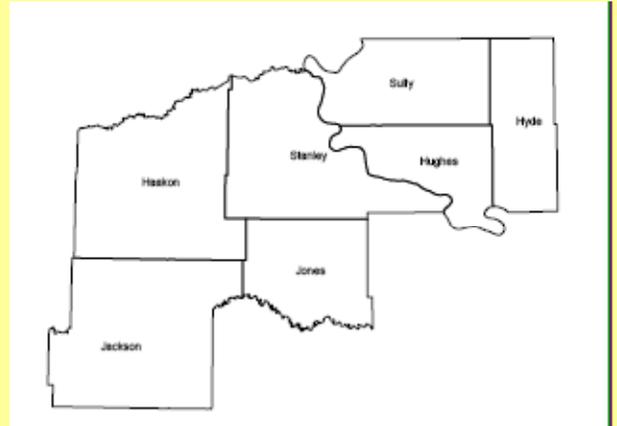
DOT Industrial Park/Value Added Ag—There are grant funds to help construct roads to and within industrial parks for new/expanding businesses and to value added ag facilities such as ethanol plants, feeds mills, etc. These are no deadlines, but engineering reports are required. Please contact the CSDED for more information.

Land and Water Conservation Grant Funds—These are grant funds available from SD Game, Fish & Park for communities/counties to assist with the creation and or upgrading of OUTDOOR recreation facilities—swimming pools, ball parks, multi-purpose outdoor courts, golf courses, hiking/biking paths, etc. Grant applications are due July 15, 2007.

NOTE: There are also other grants available to help fund, special tourism promotions, arts, juvenile programs, etc. Please contact CSDED staff for information and assistance.



The Central SD Enhancement District



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--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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