



Northeast Council Of Governments (605)-626-2595

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HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING

The State Office of Emergency Management will be holding applicant briefings at four locations around the state to discuss funding that will be available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and updated guidance to the program. The following lists the date and location of each applicant briefing:

Tuesday August 13th Sioux Falls 3:00 pm
Minnehaha Co. Emergency Mgmt. Office
608 N Sigler Ave, Sioux falls

Wed. August 14th Chamberlain 9:00 am
Cedar Shore Resort – Breakwaters
Conference Room

Wednesday August 14th Mobridge 3:00 pm
Mobridge Fire Hall
114 1st Ave E, Mobridge

Thursday August 15th Deadwood 2:00 pm
Lawrence Co. Emergency Operation Center
90 Sherman Street, Deadwood

HMGP funds become available after a presidential disaster declaration has been declared in the State. The grant program is a 75% federal share and 25% local cost share. The local cost share can be hard or soft match. **Applications are due January 15, 2014**, but due to the application process plans should begin soon if a potential project has been identified.

Municipalities and Counties are eligible to apply for funding; however it is important to check your local Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plans to ensure that your projects are compatible with the goals and projects identified in your local mitigation plan.

All mitigation projects must be cost effective, be both engineering and technically feasible, and meet Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation requirements in accordance with HMA Unified Guidance. Cost effective means a benefit cost analysis (BCA) needs to be greater than one. Also, they need a detailed scope of work and good cost estimates. Work CAN NOT be completed before the grant award, unless pre-authorized. NOTE: It is highly recommended to have an engineer involved at the VERY beginning of the development stages of the application.

Examples of projects:

- Acquisitions and Relocations of structures from hazard-prone areas
- Drainage Improvement; storm drainage, channel restoration, and bank stabilization
- Safe Rooms
- Generators and Warning Sirens
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Power line burials

If you are interested in the program, please contact NECOG staff as soon as possible to discuss your project and to determine its eligibility for the program.

BUILDING SOUTH DAKOTA FUND

During the 2013 legislative session, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 235. This bipartisan bill known as "Building South Dakota" will provide broad economic development opportunities for communities of all sizes throughout South Dakota. The legislation provides tax incentives for new projects costing more than \$20 million as well as targeted increases in funding for education, infrastructure and housing which will help boost economic growth.

The Building South Dakota fund will be financed by an initial allocation of \$7,000,000 and by placing the contractor's excise tax on projects exceeding \$20,000,000 combined with 25% of the unclaimed property in FY 2015 and 50% of the unclaimed property in FY 2016 and thereafter into the fund.

The Building South Dakota Fund consists of several sub-funds: 25% shall be dedicated to local infrastructure and improvement fund; 15% into the economic development partnership fund; 30% into workforce education fund; 25% into housing opportunity fund; and 5% into a revolving economic development fund for the purpose of making grants to projects that have a total project cost of less than twenty million dollars.

The Local Infrastructure Fund provides funding to construct or reconstruct infrastructure for the purpose of serving an economic development project.

Funds from the Economic Development Partnership Fund may be used for new staff, or to elevate existing part-time staff and for equipment and training needs for the purpose of developing or expanding local, community, and economic development programs. Any funds awarded under the Economic Development Partnership Fund shall be

provided on a matching basis. The funds awarded to a recipient for staffing may be distributed over a four year period with 40% being distributed in the first year, 30% in the second year, 20% in the third year, and 10% in the fourth year.

The Workforce Education fund will provide dollars to (1) fund the State's share of the limited English proficiency adjustment; (2) provide grants for the purposes of providing secondary career and technical education programs; and (3) provide additional one-time funding to school districts.

Funds from the Housing Opportunity Fund will be used for the purpose of preserving and expanding sustainable, affordable, and safe housing that is targeted to low and moderate income families and individuals in South Dakota.

Applications and funding are currently available through these programs. For additional information please contact our office.

GOVERNOR'S HOUSE

A Governor's House is now located at the NECOG offices until the week of the Brown County Fair, at which time it will be relocated to the Brown County fairgrounds. The house is located on the West parking lot of the Super City Mall.

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