



Northeast Council Of Governments

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COMMUNITY ACCESS/INDUSTRIAL PARK/AGRI-BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM

This program has announced new changes this year for grant percentage and grant amount.

Community Access Grants are State funds for all Counties and Towns with less than 5,000 in population and are for the construction or reconstruction of major streets in town such as Main Street and roads that lead to elevators, schools, hospitals, and farm-to-market roads. This program provides for 80% of the construction costs of the project, not including engineering or utility work. Grant size is limited to \$600,000 and applications are due July 16.

The Industrial Park and Agri-Business Grant Programs provide funds to assist communities and counties who have a new industry or agri-business and need new or expanded access to the facilities. The Industrial Park grant has a \$500,000 grant limit.

Only applications for new projects will be considered. These two programs accept applications 3 times each year (April, July and October 15). If you have projects that may qualify for this program or you would like more information please contact our office. Additional information is also available through the South Dakota DOT website at: <http://sddot.com/business/local/economic/Default.aspx>

FORMAL DOT STIP MEETINGS

The official DOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) meeting for our region will be held in Aberdeen on July 10, at 7:00pm at the AmericInn. Other meetings will also be held in Sioux Falls, Pierre and Rapid City. A webinar will also be available for those who are unable to attend one of the regional meetings. Contact Dave.Voeltz@State.SD.US to register or visit the DOT website at www.sddot.com for more information.

The STIP document lists the projects that South Dakota Department of Transportation has scheduled in the Federal Fiscal Years 2019 through 2022.

DOT staff will also be presenting a preliminary review of the "Tentative" STIP information at NECOG's June meeting. That meeting has been scheduled for June 27, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Brown County Courthouse Community Room. Anyone is welcome to attend, but we ask that you RSVP in advance if you plan on attending.

NECOG COUNCIL MEETING

The next NECOG meeting will be held on June 27th at 6:00 pm at the Brown County Courthouse in the Community Room. **Please note that this is a change in time and meeting location from our regular meetings.** To access the meeting room use the door on Market Street on the West side of the Courthouse. If you have any questions on the location please contact our office.

DOT will be the guest speaker at this meeting. They will furnish a tentative STIP to be reviewed and discussed prior to the formal public meetings listed in the previous section. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and state your concerns about particular projects. Also the NECOG 2019 budget will be presented and adopted at this meeting.

SAVE THE DATE SD PLANNERS CONFERENCE

The 2018 SD Planners Association (SDPA) Conference will be held this year at the Crossroads Hotel and Convention Center in Huron on October 17th and 18th. Registration for the event will be open soon. For more information regarding this year's conference contact the NECOG office or visit SDPA's webpage at www.sdplanners.org. The complete agenda and registration will be posted at that site when it has been finalized.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

South Dakota receives more than \$5 million in grant funds every year from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Eligible applicants are counties and incorporated municipalities. Counties and municipalities can sponsor an application for an entity such as a fire district or non-profit that may have an eligible project.

The CDBG program has been an important funding source for many projects in our region. During the past few years the most common type of projects have been: community centers, fire halls, water and waste water systems, libraries, and removing unoccupied and dilapidated housing.

A registered professional engineer or architect must provide cost estimates and designs (map, floor plan, site identification). Engineers or

architects are required on all CDBG projects. A local match of 50% will be required, with a maximum grant amount of \$750,000.

Not all counties and municipalities automatically qualify, for those that don't an income survey can be completed within the service area to determine eligibility. Applications are received twice a year on April 1 and October 1. Contact the staff at NECOG at 626-2595 for more information or if you have a possible project you would like to discuss.

NECOG DC BUSINESS LOANS

The NECOG Development Corporation is a non-profit organization that operates a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program which assists small businesses and entrepreneurs to gain access to funding. NECOG-DC services a twelve county area which includes: Beadle, Brown, Campbell, Day, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, McPherson, Marshall, Potter, Spink, and Walworth.

Don't think your project qualifies? Call and find out. Funds can be used for both the purchase of an existing business or the startup of a new business. NECOG-DC can also fund projects that include: acquisitions, renovations, inventory, equipment, and on a limited basis working capital.

Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis and all loan decisions are made by the NECOG-DC Board of Directors.

If you would like additional information, an application, or have a question regarding the NECOG-DC loan fund, please contact the RLF Manager, Alison Kiesz, at (605) 626-2595 or via email at alison@necog.org.

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