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The Director's Corner

The South Eastern Council of Governments held its first annual Community Resource Fair on June 21st. The event began with representatives from SD Emergency Management, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, Governor's Office of Economic Development, South Dakota Housing Development Authority, and USDA Rural Development presenting a wealth of information on various funding programs available to SECOG's members. Afterwards, a resource fair was held to create one-on-one opportunities with our presenters as well as our generous sponsors. At the end of the evening, drawings were held for prizes. The winning members were:



Airfare for Two to Las Vegas, NV

Paul Sanow, City of Brandon

Minnesota Twins Baseball Tickets

Bob Litz, Minnehaha County

\$100 Morrie's Steakhouse Gift Card

Justin Weiland, Dell Rapids

SECOG appreciates all of its members that attended the event, the state and federal presenters, and the sponsoring engineering firms. We look forward to seeing you next year!

2017 Community Resource Fair Sponsors



Upcoming Funding Application Deadlines

Please contact Leslie Mastroianni or Melissa Gibson, if you are interested in applying for any of these funding opportunities.

<u>July 31</u>	GOED LIIP & EDPP
<u>August 1</u>	DENR State Water Plan
<u>October 1</u>	DENR State Water Plan and DENR State Revolving Fund GOED CDBG
<u>October 15</u>	DOT Industrial Park & Agri- Business Access Grant
<u>October 31</u>	GOED LIIP & EDPP
<u>January 1</u>	DENR State Revolving Fund



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Drive to Help recruits volunteer drivers for Project CAR and Workers-On-Wheels. Volunteers provide transportation services to seniors and persons with disabilities in an effort to support individuals' independent lifestyle. Volunteers can provide transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores, etc.

Drive to Help is a great way to be more involved in your community, and is flexible with any schedule. Additional information is available to view at <http://siouxfallsmo.org/resources/help/>

Melissa & Leslie's Notes

Recent Funding in the SECOG Region

DENR Awards: At its June 22nd board meeting, the state Board of Water and Natural Resources approved a total of \$20.001 million in grants and loans for water and waste projects. Grants and loans were awarded to the following communities:

Hartford

\$1.482 million loan for sanitary and storm sewer construction

Lennox

\$4.678 million for central basin sanitary and storm sewer improvements, which includes \$2.27 million in grant funds and \$2.408 million in loan funds

Parker

\$1.428 million in two loans for utility improvements

GOED Local Infrastructure Improvement

Program (LIIP): Elk Point was awarded a \$200,000 LIIP grant from GOED to construct an access road to the new industrial park.

SDDOT Industrial Park Access Grant:

Elk Point was awarded a \$300,000 LIIP grant from SDDOT to construct an access road to the new industrial park.

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CDBG Bulldoze, Build, and Beautify (BBB) Activity

The Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) is pleased to announce the details for the Bulldoze, Build, and Beautify (BBB) Activity under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. GOED has set aside \$1 million of its FY 2017 CDBG award to support this activity. This program aims to address blighted properties in communities.

Eligibility Requirements

Property Type

- o Residential dwellings only; may be single- or multi-family
- o Mobile homes are eligible, provided they are replaced by a permanent structure

Property Condition

- o Must be in a blighted, dilapidated, or abandoned condition.
- o Must be unoccupied and not used for another activity (e.g., a business)

Ownership

- o Must be owned by a county, city, or local non-profit organization
- o Title must be clear of any prior liens
- o If not owned, the county, city, or local non-profit must have an enforceable contract giving it the option to purchase the property within 18 months of the grant award

Site Work

- o Blighted structure must be demolished and removed completely from the lot
- o Lot must be restored to a build-ready state, including necessary utilities to the property line
- o Foundation/basement concrete must be removed and filled, unless it has been certified by an engineer for reuse within three months for a replacement property on the site
- o Site work for demolition/removal must be completed within 18 months of award date

Replacement Housing

- o Residential dwellings only; may be single- or multi-family
- o No cost limits, but must be affordable based on the general wage level of the community or priced to meet a specific need identified by a business in the community
- o Award recipient must replace the demolished unit within two years of demolition and removal

Match and Limitation on Awards

- o Local match must be made at a minimum of 1:1 with CDBG funds, based on total project cost
- o Properties in which asbestos or other environmental issue is encountered after an approved project moves forward will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- o Local match may be in-kind; in-kind contributions will be valued at the FEMA rate
- o No limit on the number of units applied for; no lifetime limit on awards to a community; GOED may limit or partially fund applications if demand exceeds available funds

From Amber's Desk



TIP & STIP Dates

July 13-27, 2017

Comment period for the first draft of the 2018-2021 TIP

July 20, 2017, 2:30 pm

2018-2021 STIP public meeting by SDDOT via webinar or at the SDDOT Sioux Falls Office (5316 W 60th St N)

August 3, 2017

Final draft of the 2018-2021 TIP posted

August 10, 2017, 2:00 pm

Secog Board Room

Public hearing for the final draft of the 2018-2021 TIP

2018-2021 TIP

The Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) are in the process of drafting the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The TIP and STIP include prioritized listings of multimodal transportation improvement projects for streets and highways, public transportation, aviation, railroads, bicycles, and pedestrian.

The draft 2018-2021 TIP, which includes transportation improvement projects for the MPO area (Brandon, Crooks, Harrisburg, Hartford, Sioux Falls, Tea, and portions of Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties), were presented to the MPO committees at the July 12th and 13th meetings, including a public hearing scheduled on Thursday, July 13th, at 2:00 p.m. in the SECOG Board Room. Additional opportunities to participate in the TIP and STIP updates are listed to the left.

Additional information can be found at <http://siouxfallsmpo.org/resources/publications/2018-2021tip/>.

The Planners' Plans



South Dakota Planners Conference 2017

Kristen Benidt and Patrick Andrews will be attending the joint conference of the South Dakota Planners Association (SDPA) and Western Planning Resources, Inc. It will be held at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Spearfish, South Dakota from September 13th to the 15th, 2017. The annual conference provides planners, planning commissioners, elected officials, and other interested parties an opportunity to learn about relevant planning topics and new tools that will be beneficial to their municipal and/or county planning and zoning efforts. This year the conference will be a joint effort with the Western Planning region meaning there will be an opportunity to interact with other planners throughout the state as well as from 12 other states.

The conference will start with a keynote presentation from Charles Marohn, president of Strong Towns, and there will also be multiple break-out sessions on a variety of topics and issues.

More information about the conference, including how to register, lodging information, and a preliminary agenda can be found at the SDPA website at www.sdplanners.org. SECOG encourages its members to attend the conference.

Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan

The time has come for counties to prepare their Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvements Plan, commonly called the Transportation Plan. In order to maintain eligibility for the State BIG program the plan needs to be updated on an annual basis with the previous projects reviewed and status updates reported. The imposition of a wheel tax is also required to be eligible for BIG funding. Completed plans are due to the State Department of Transportation on or before October 15, 2017.

The Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) program was created by the 2015 legislative session in Senate Bill 1 (SB 1). SB 1 dedicated \$7 million per year for the BIG funds. This money comes from the license plate fees and from non-commercial vehicle fees. In addition, SDDOT will set aside \$8 million per year of state gas tax funds, for a total of \$15 million available for the BIG grants.

If your County needs assistance with developing a Transportation Plan or completing the annual update, please contact Kristen Benidt.

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New Approved Loans

Dakota BUSINESS Finance
South Eastern Development Foundation



Omega Liner Company, Inc
(Canton)

Purpose: Working Capital
Participating Lender: Jason Appel
(Plains Commerce Bank)



The Resort by SDK
(Sioux Falls)

Purpose: Purchase existing
business



Grand Junction Grilled Subs
(Sioux Falls)

Purpose: Purchase equipment and
complete leasehold improvements



DMM Systems
(Hartford)

Purpose: Purchase land
and construct new building
Participating Lender: Trevor Dierks
(First Dakota National Bank)



Marco's Pizza
(Brookings)

Purpose: Purchase and
renovate real estate
Participating Lender: Mike Flint
(First Dakota National Bank)



Home Definition
(Sioux Falls)

Purpose: Purchase land and
construct new building
Participating Lender: Pam Hanneman
(First Premier Bank)

New Approved Loans

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Lazy U Motel

(Rapid City)

Purpose: Purchase existing real estate

Participating Lender: Tom Lessin
(First National Bank)



Autoland

(Sioux Falls)

Purpose: Purchase land and construct new building

Participating Lender: Chris Bauer
(CorTrust Bank)



Fast Signs

(Sioux Falls)

Purpose: Purchase land and construct new building

Participating Lender: Aaron Neiman
(Dacotah Bank)



T&L Auto Sales

(Sioux Falls)

Purpose: Purchase existing real estate

Participating Lender: Trina Lyons
(CorTrust Bank)



Tires Tires Tires

(Sioux Falls)

Purpose: Purchase land and construct new building

Participating Lender: Brent Plantage
(Northwest Bank)

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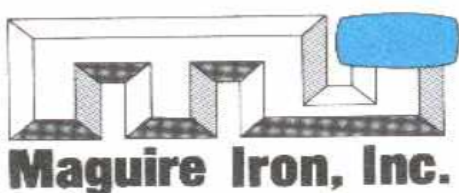
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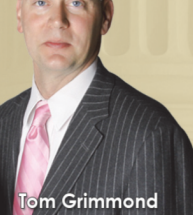
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Gabrielle graduated from the University of South Dakota with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree and Teaching Certification. Prior to SECOG, Gabrielle worked as a Senior Secretary at the University Center and decided to expand her admin. experience in a different field of work. When not working, she spends time going to the movies, painting, and traveling.