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# The Director's Corner

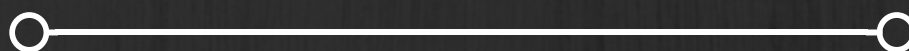


As 2017 comes to a close, we would like to report on some of the funding successes of 2017.

- SECOG assisted its members with securing over \$30 million in grants and loans in 2017
- SECOG's members paid \$276,694 in dues in 2017
- For every dollar paid in dues, SECOG's members received a return of \$108.93 in grant and loan funding which amounts to a 10893% Return on Investment

Funding Source	Amount
Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan	\$20,038,000
Community Action Grant	\$240,000
Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program Grant	\$3,300,000
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan/Principal Forgiveness	\$3,646,000
Economic Development Administration	\$962,987
Economic Development Partnership Program	\$292,667
Industrial Park Road Grant	\$300,000
Intermediary Relending Program	\$500,000
Local Infrastructure Improvement Program	\$517,000
Recreational Trails	\$55,000
Small Community Planning Grant	\$20,000
Water Quality Grant	\$270,000
Total	\$30,141,654

Please let us know if you have any projects you would like assistance with in 2018. We enjoy working with you to make the region a better place!



# Melissa & Leslie's Notes

SECOG assists its members with project development, preparation of grant and loan applications, and loan and grant administration.

The planning staff works with member communities to identify local needs and financial assistance to help attain local goals. As we look forward to 2018, there are several recurring funding deadlines to help communities plan for local projects.

## Community Development Block Grants

Grant funds are available to cities and counties, which may apply on behalf of other nonprofits or units of government. Typical types of projects are water, sewer, fire halls, community centers, senior centers and health care clinics. Funds are available to assist businesses with the creation of new jobs. Funds may be used for infrastructure to serve the business or for workforce training. Deadlines are April 1st and October 1st.

## Department of Environment and Natural Resources Grant and Loan Programs

State grants and loans are available to assist with community infrastructure projects, such as drinking water systems, waste water systems, storm water systems, solid waste projects and lake and stream projects. Projects must be listed on the State Water Plan. Deadlines for these programs are January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, and October 1st.

## State Water Plans

In order to apply for certain state grant and loan funds, projects must be listed on the State Water Plan. Deadlines are February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, and October 1st.

## Small Community Planning Grant (Department of Environment and Natural Resources)

Funds are provided to communities of 2,500 or fewer in population to hire an engineering firm to develop engineering reports for specific water and sewer projects. Applications are accepted year-round.

## Solid Waste and Recycling

Grant funds are available for the development of comprehensive solid waste management and planning programs. Funds are used for recycling projects, research, educational activities, planning equipment purchases, construction and operation of recycling or solid waste management projects. Landfill and rubble site development and expansions are included. Deadlines are January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, and October 1st.

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## Department of Transportation Community Access Grant Program

Grants are available on a competitive basis to units of local government with populations under 5,000 involving the upgrade, repair, or replacement of important local roads, such as roads to elevators, schools, hospitals, or the main central business district. Deadline is July 15.

## Department of Transportation Industrial Park Grant Program

Grants are available to communities to provide street access to new and expanding businesses located within industrial parks. Deadlines are April 15, July 15 and October 15.

## Department of Transportation Agri-Business Grant Program

Grants are available to communities for the development of new or expanded agriculture-related industries. Deadlines are April 15, July 15, and October 15.

This is not an inclusive list of funding opportunities. Rural Development, Land and Water Conservation Funds, Transportation Alternative funding and others are available at various times throughout the year. Your planner will notify you of funding opportunities as they become available.

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# From Amber's Desk



## New CAC Members for the MPO

The Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is beginning 2018 with new members. During the past few months, the CAC membership subcommittee was tasked with the difficult assignment of narrowing down several qualified applicants to fill three vacancies on the CAC. As a result, the MPO's governing body, the Urbanized Development Commission (UDC), approved the appointment of David Jackson, Eric Majeres, and Kevin Smith. In addition, Kim Cerwick, Cory Diedrich, Thomas Murphy, Chris Parsley, and Koni Sims were appointed to serve an additional three-year term on the CAC.

David Jackson has been involved with his 5th generation family-owned business, Haegles Western Wear, for over 45 years. He has also previously served for several years on the CAC. In his application, David stated, "I have always had a concern for the transportation system for Sioux Falls, being a retailer. Being a businessman, I believe the planning and execution of projects should be done in a timely and cost-effective manner. Therefore, the citizens on the CAC have an important part in the planning process with input from the layman's standpoint."

Eric Majeres is a South Dakota Office of Highway Safety community grant recipient and Program Coordinator at Volunteers of America – Dakotas, "where he has devoted the past 11 years to reducing traffic related injury/death on South Dakota roadways." "His recent activities include co-facilitating the Choices and Consequences traffic program for youth at McCrossan Boys Ranch, instructor for AAA SD Driver Improvement Course, and planning committee/emcee at the upcoming 3rd Annual Mocktails Mix-off competition." "Eric also serves as the Southeast Area Law Enforcement Liaison for the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety."

Kevin Smith is the Operations Manager for Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services (AE2S). Kevin "has over 20 years of experience and a broad background in local government, including specific experience in the fields of public works and planning. He has managed the development and administration of capital and operating budgets for various municipal functions including the Sioux Falls portion of the MPO's Transportation Improvements Program (TIP) and the Long-Range Transportation Program (LRTP). Kevin also has direct experience developing growth-related policies and long-range transportation planning efforts, as well as possessing knowledge of land use planning and transportation issues in southeastern South Dakota."

The CAC is an important component of the MPO's transportation planning process, which directs and oversees all transportation planning and programming activities within the official metropolitan planning area, including the Cities of Brandon, Crooks, Harrisburg, Hartford, Sioux Falls, and Tea, as well as portions of Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties. The CAC is the committee established to solicit public participation into the local transportation planning process with membership comprised of interested citizens representing various segments of the population within the planning area. The CAC serve as liaisons between the general public and the formal transportation planning process. The CAC, along with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), serve as advisory committees to the Urbanized Development Commission, the decision making board of the MPO, which is primarily comprised of elected officials from the government participants of the MPO. To learn more, or become involved with the MPO planning process, please visit the MPO's website at [www.siouxfallsmpo.org](http://www.siouxfallsmpo.org).

## Public Notice

The Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is accepting applications for the capital and operating assistance provided through the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 funding program.

The application and additional information can be found at:  
<http://siouxfallsmo.org/resources/5310/>.

Applications must be received in the Sioux Falls MPO / SECOG office, located at 500 N. Western Avenue, Suite 100, Sioux Falls, SD, 57104, by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2018.

## Meetings & Dates

March 7, 2018  
CAC Meeting @ 3:00pm

March 8, 2018  
TAC Meeting @ 2:00pm

March 8, 2018  
UDC Meeting @ 4:00pm

## Deadwood Grant Deadline Approaching

Deadwood Fund deadlines are February 1 and October 1. Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 will be awarded for projects that retain, restore, or rehabilitate historic buildings, structures, and archaeological sites in South Dakota for residential, commercial, or public purposes. For more information or the application packet, contact the South Dakota State Historical Society. SECOG planners, Leslie Mastroianni and Melissa Gibson, are also available to assist.



# The Planners' Plans



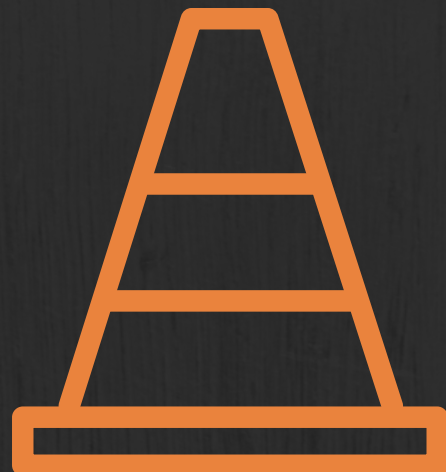
## Annual DoT Road Inventory Project

Keep an eye out because SECOG will soon be sending out maps and letters for the annual road inventory. Since 1995, the South Dakota Department of Transportation and the South Dakota Planning and Development Districts have been working together to update any changes to the public road system. SECOG members will soon receive envelopes which will contain two copies of their local road map and a letter further detailing what information is being requested by the DOT Road Inventory program. Members are asked to carefully review these maps for accuracy and provide a response using the included return envelope even if there have been no new roads constructed or any changes made to road surfaces or alignment in the previous year. Your assistance is critical to the accuracy of SDDOT's public road inventory.

Please contact Kristen Benidt at [Kristen@secog.org](mailto:Kristen@secog.org) with any questions.

## Census to Provide Free LUCA Workshop

The U.S. Census Bureau will be hosting a workshop on Understanding The Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA) on Friday, February 2, 2018. The workshop will be approximately four hours long and will run from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at the Downtown Library in Sioux Falls (200 N. Dakota Ave). This workshop will be free and open to all municipalities that registered to participate in LUCA. If you would like to register you can do so by going to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/luca-training-workshop-south-dakota-tickets-40155228369> or by emailing [colin.d.kraus@census.gov](mailto:colin.d.kraus@census.gov). There will be a number of parking spaces available for this event in the parking ramp that is across Dakota Avenue from the main entrance to the library.

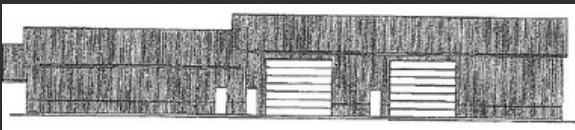


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# New Approved Loans

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## D&D Small Engine Repair & Sales (Lennox)

Purpose: Purchase land and construct a new building

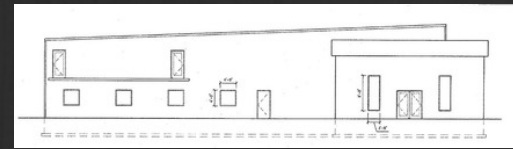
Participating Lender: Brian Zirpel  
(Security State Bank)



## Roto Mold (Tea)

Purpose: Purchase existing building; Refinance

Participating Lender: Aaron Tribble  
(American Bank & Trust)



## Filly Flair (Sioux Falls)

Purpose: Purchase land and construct a new building

Participating Lender: Matt Teller  
(The First National Bank in Sioux Falls)



## Splitrock Gas Station (Brandon)

Purpose: Purchase existing building and business

Participating Lender: Chris Nickles  
(Plains Commerce Bank)



## Upper Cervical of Sioux Falls (Sioux Falls)

Purpose: Purchase land and construct a new building

Participating Lender: David Eiesland  
(Heritage Bank)



## Premier Bookkeeping & Business Services

(Sioux Falls)

Purpose: Purchase existing building  
Participating Lender: Aaron Tribble  
(American Bank & Trust)



# New Approved Loans Continued



## Long O

(Brandon)

Purpose: Construct a new building

Participating Lender: Jim Thomson

(Service First Federal Credit Union)



## Global Distributing

(Renner)

Purpose: Purchase land and construct a new building

Participating Lender: Doug Degroot

(Frontier Bank)



## Cellular Only Connection

(Sioux Falls)

Purpose: Purchase inventory



## Advanced Moving

(Tea)

Purpose: Purchase land and existing building

Participating Lender: Matt Teller

(The First National Bank in Sioux Falls)



## Sioux Corporation

(Beresford)

Purpose: Purchase real estate and equipment associated with existing business purchase

Participating Lender: Josh Hofer  
(First Dakota National Bank)

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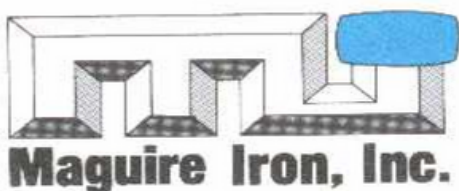


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