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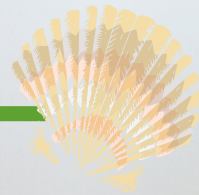
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Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide much needed resources to help governments, businesses, and individuals respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Within the CARES Act, South Dakota was provided funding to create the Local Government COVID Recovery Fund to provide financial resources to cities and counties within the state. On June 22, 2020, Governor Noem announced that \$200 million would be passed through from the State of South Dakota's allocation to individual South Dakota cities and counties. Additional information about the program, the FAQ, the city and county allocations, and the city and county resolutions are all included on the website: <https://crf.sd.gov/>.

The State of South Dakota has contracted with the six planning districts to assist the cities and counties with questions regarding what activities are eligible under the program. The first step is for the cities and counties to pass a resolution. Cities and counties also need to register for the State's portal since all reimbursement requests will be done electronically. Eligible COVID related costs must be incurred by December 30, 2020. The State continues to update the FAQ as new guidance from the U.S. Treasury Department is released. The most up-to-date FAQ is available at: [https://bfm.sd.gov/covid/crf/crf\\_faq.pdf](https://bfm.sd.gov/covid/crf/crf_faq.pdf)

Please contact Leslie at [leslie@secog.org](mailto:leslie@secog.org) for Clay, McCook, and Minnehaha Counties and Sara at [sara@secog.org](mailto:sara@secog.org) for Lincoln, Turner, and Union Counties.

# 2021-2021 TIP

The Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) are in the process of drafting the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), respectively. 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 2021-2024 TIP, which includes transportation improvement projects for the MPO area (Brandon, Crooks, Harrisburg, Hartford, Sioux Falls, Tea, and portions of Lincoln and Minnehaha counties), was presented to the MPO committees at the July 7th and 8th meetings, including a public hearing on Thursday, July 8th, conducted by the Technical Advisory Committee. Additional opportunities to participate in the TIP update are listed below.

Additional information can be found at: <http://siouxfallsmmpo.org/resources/2021-2024-transportation-improvement-program-tip/>.

## MPO Meeting Dates

Citizen Advisory Committee  
August 5, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m.

Technical Advisory Committee  
August 6, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.

Urbanized Development  
Commission  
August 6, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

## TIP Schedule

July 9-24, 2020 – Comment period for  
the first draft of the 2021-2024 TIP

July 29, 2020 – Final draft of the 2021-  
2024 TIP posted

August 6, 2020 – MPO Technical  
Advisory Committee meeting –  
Public Hearing on the final draft of  
the 2021-2024 TIP





## **Communities Awarded Grants and Loans**

The Board of Water and Natural Resources approved more than \$56.0 million for drinking water, storm water, and wastewater projects at its June meeting.

Locally, the City of Brandon was awarded a \$5,687,000 loan for drinking water improvements. The Renner Sanitary Sewer District was awarded a \$978,000 grant and a \$1,147,000 loan for storm water and wastewater improvements.

The grants and loans awarded by the board are administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

South Eastern Council of Governments staff worked with the City of Brandon and the Renner Sanitary District to prepare the funding application packages and will help move the project forward through the construction phase.

## **Get the most out of your dues**

From the beginning of an idea to closing out a project, your SECOG planners are with you every step of the way. We can help guide you through project development at the beginning stages, the funding/financing process, provide resources and connections at the local, state, and federal levels, and serve as a vital part of your project team.

We are an asset to your community whether you are looking at infrastructure improvements, outdoor recreation facilities, or hazard mitigation measures. Our services are included in your annual membership dues. So take advantage of them!

In Minnehaha, McCook, and Clay Counties call Leslie at 605-681-8184. In Lincoln, Turner, and Union Counties call Sara at 605-681-8188.





# SDGFP Application Cycle for LWCF Announced

South Dakota Game Fish and Parks (SDGFP) has announced the latest application cycle for the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The LWCF Program reimburses successful applicants up to 50 percent of their project costs.

The minimum grant amount is \$10,000 and the maximum grant amount is limited by available funding. Applications are due on or before September 15, 2020.

Requirements for the grant are:

- The project must be focused on outdoor recreation.
- The project must be well supported by the community.
- The project must be justified by the 2018 South Dakota State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).
- The land within the project boundaries must remain dedicated in perpetuity for outdoor recreation use.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, playgrounds, ball fields, sports and play fields, camping facilities, beaches and pools, outdoors ice rinks, golf courses, winter sports facilities, and fishing and boating facilities.

If you have a project in mind, contact Leslie for Turner, Lincoln or Union Counties or Sara for McCook, Minnehaha or Clay Counties to talk through the next steps.

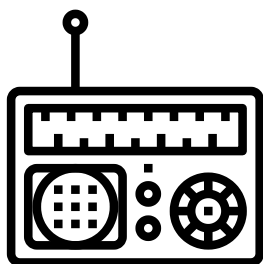


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## HAM Radio Regulation: Summary of PRB-1

“Ham radio” refers to amateur radio operations and antennas, which have a large following among local hobbyists and enthusiasts. While the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 is the ultimate authority on regulating satellite dishes, television antennas, and cell phone towers, it does not apply to amateur radio antennas. Instead, they are controlled by the Federal Communication Commission’s (“FCC”) PRB-1 document, which requires local governments to reasonably accommodate amateur operations but allows them to regulate height, safety, and aesthetic concerns. This article is designed to give you at least a passing familiarity with the law with the hope that you seek the advice of legal counsel should you encounter this issue as you adopt, amend, interpret, and enforce your ordinances.

On July 16, 1984, the American Radio Relay League, Inc. filed a Request for Issuance of a Declaratory Ruling with the FCC seeking an explicit statement that would preempt all local ordinances which provably preclude or significantly inhibit effective reliable amateur radio communications. After weighing the interests of local governments against those of amateur radio operators, the FCC concluded that a “limited preemption policy is warranted.” Specifically, any “local regulations that operate to preclude amateur communications in their communities are in direct conflict with federal objectives and must be preempted.” Absent preemption, “local regulations which involve placement, screening, or height of antennas based on health, safety, or aesthetic considerations must be crafted to accommodate reasonably amateur communications, and to represent the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the local authority’s legitimate purpose.”

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Courts across the country have consistently interpreted PRB-1 to mean fixed or unvarying height limitations imposed by local ordinances are invalid. Many have also extended this understanding to ordinances that impose uniquely burdensome requirements and fees on amateur radio operators. Therefore, it is imperative that local governments adopt a review process which allows them to consider each application on its own merits, make factual findings, and attempt to negotiate a satisfactory compromise. That being said, the law does not require local governments to ultimately grant the permit. If a reasonable compromise cannot be reached with the applicant, he or she is not simply entitled to build an antenna of whatever height desired.

If you have any questions about the adequacy of your regulations, please contact Patrick Andrews at [patrick@secog.org](mailto:patrick@secog.org) or (605) 681-8176.



## Status of the 2020 Census

The 2020 Census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau has adjusted 2020 Census operations. The self-response phase has been extended until October 31, 2020, so everyone still has time to be counted. The final approved counts will be delivered to states by July 31, 2021.

### SECOG Region Response Rates:

**Clay: 63.7%**

**Lincoln: 75.0%**

**McCook: 67.0%**

**Minnehaha: 72.2%**

**Turner: 63.2%**

**Union: 71.2%**

*as of July 8, 2020*







# Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan

The time has come for Counties to update 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. This annual update must include a review of the previous plans projects and status updates. Updates are due to the State Department of Transportation on or *before* **October 15, 2020.**

Transportation planning is a cooperative process designed to foster involvement by all users of the system, including the business community, freight operators, and the general public through a proactive public participation process conducted by the county. The planning process also fosters communication of local governments such as townships to jointly discuss transportation needs and coordinate improvements.

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 program. 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 at [gis@secog.org](mailto:gis@secog.org) or by calling 605-681-8174 to discuss the next steps in this process.



New  
**Approved Loans**  
Dakota BUSINESS Finance  
South Eastern Development Foundation

**Lewis Johnson**  
**Milford, IA**

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Refinancing existing debt

**Participating Lender:**

Matt Mueller, Liberty National Bank  
Okoboji, IA



**Midwest Periodontics**  
**Sioux Falls, SD**

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Purchase of land and  
construction of building

**Participating Lender:**

Bryan Ingalls, First Bank & Trust



**Sioux Corporation**  
**Beresford, SD**

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Purchase of equipment

**Participating Lender:**

Josh Hofer, First Dakota National Bank

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## Specialty Wheel & Tire Sioux Falls, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Purchase of real estate

**Participating Lender:**

Travis Kaffar, Frontier Bank



## Nature Scaping Designs Yankton, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Purchase and renovation of building

**Participating Lender:**

Laura Marshall,  
First National Bank of Omaha

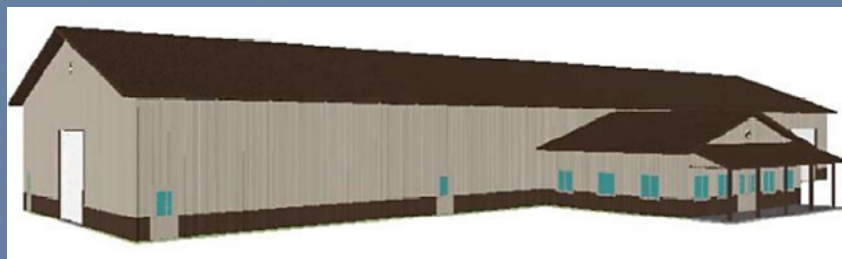
## Aligned Ag Aberdeen, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Construction of a building & purchase of equipment

**Participating Lender:**

Matthew Zeller, Great Western Bank



## River View RV Park Ft. Pierre, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Expansion of current park

**Participating Lender:**

Tanner Kost,  
Dakota Prairie Bank

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## North American Wholesale Florist Sioux Falls, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Cash out refinancing  
of existing debt

**Participating Lender:**

Jay Mitchell, Great Western



## Gas Barrel Sioux Falls, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF  
& SEDF Loan

**Purpose:** Purchase  
of building

**Participating Lender:** Mike Murdy,  
Black Hills Federal Credit Union

## Garbage-N-More Garretson, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF  
& SEDF Loan

**Purpose:** Refinancing existing  
building debt



## Drake Orthodontics Sioux Falls, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Partnership buy-out  
of real estate

**Participating Lender:**

Jeremy Keckler,  
First National Bank in Sioux Falls





## Neighborhood Automotive Sioux Falls, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Purchase of building

**Participating Lender:**

Aaron Neiman, Dacotah Bank



## State Storage Brandon, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF  
& SEDF Loan

**Purpose:** Purchase  
of land &

construction of storage units

**Participating Lender:**

Patrick Erickson, Great Western Bank



## Verum Companines Sioux Falls, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Purchase of building  
and renovations

**Participating Lender:** Travis Olsem,  
American Bank & Trust



## Olsen's Pheasant Phun Hitchcock, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Refinancing  
existing building debt

**Participating Lender:**

Steve Carnes, Dacotah Bank





## Plendl Feed Service Kingsley, IA

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Construction of  
a new building and  
purchase of equipment

**Participating Lender:**

Travis Bultman, Iowa State Bank



## All American Gymnastics Sioux Falls, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Purchase a building

**Participating Lender:**

Karen Waller, Central Bank

## The Experience Companies Sioux Falls, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Purchase of building and  
renovations

**Participating Lender:** Ryan Dulaney,  
First Dakota National Bank



## Horse Thief Campground & RV Resort Hill City, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Refinancing  
existing debt

**Participating Lender:**

Boyce Voorhees, First  
Interstate Bank



## GA Johnson Construction Harrisburg, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

**Purpose:** Cash out refinancing  
of existing building debt

**Participating Lender:**

Bret Martin, Great Western Bank



## Obbink Insurance Agency Sioux Falls, SD

SEDF Loan

**Purpose:** Working capital

## Truks-N-Trykes Nursery Care Sioux Falls, SD

SEDF Loan

**Purpose:** Working capital,  
equipment



## Colton Retirement Home Colton, SD

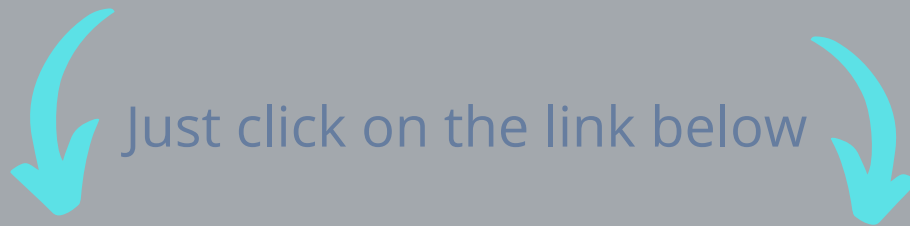
SEDF Loan

**Purpose:** Refinancing of  
existing debt

**Participating Lender:**

Dave Kroll, First Dakota  
National Bank

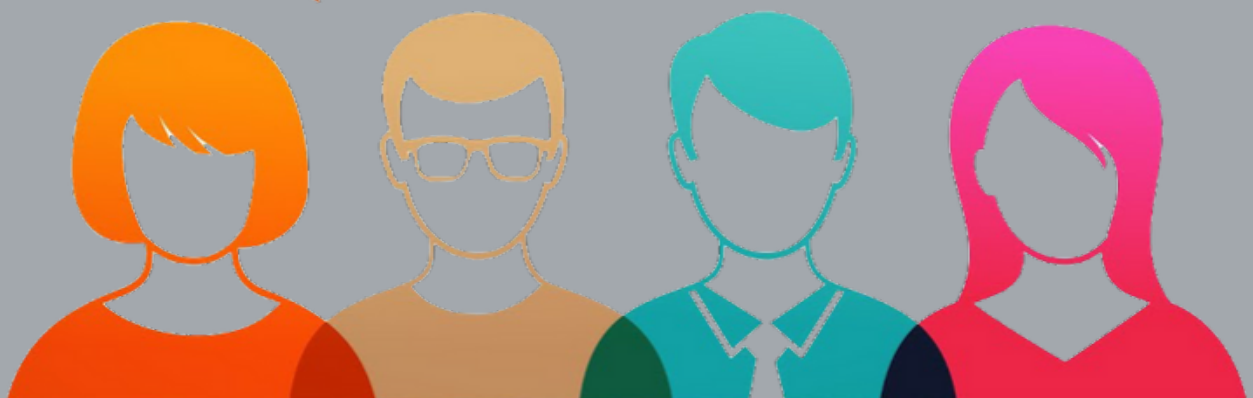
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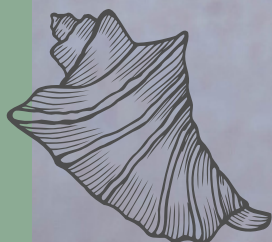
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