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The Director's Corner

As 2020 comes to a close, we would like to reflect on some of the funding successes of 2020.

- SECOG assisted its members with securing over \$80.6 million in grants and loans in 2020
- SECOG's members paid \$290,250 in dues in 2020
- For every dollar paid in dues, SECOG's members received a return of \$277.71 in grant and loan funding which amounts to a 27,771% Return on Investment

| Funding Source | Amount |
|--|--------------|
| CARES Act | \$6,359,320 |
| Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan / Principal Forgiveness | \$41,515,400 |
| Community Action Grant | \$1,200,000 |
| Community Development Block Grant | \$1,393,000 |
| Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program Grant | \$5,096,500 |
| Disaster Infrastructure | \$644,800 |
| Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan / Principal Forgiveness | \$19,760,500 |
| EDA Planning Grant | \$400,000 |
| Hazard Mitigation Grant Program | \$2,073,260 |
| Housing Opportunity | \$75,000 |
| Local Infrastructure Improvement Program | \$200,000 |
| RLF Capitalization | \$800,000 |
| Rural Electric Economic Development | \$554,000 |
| Small Community Planning Grant | \$35,000 |
| Solid Waste Grant | \$500,000 |
| Total | \$80,606,780 |

Please let us know if you have any projects you would like assistance with in 2021. We enjoy working with you to make the region a better place!

From Jim's Desk



New MPO Citizen Advisory Committee Members

The Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) governing body, the Urbanized Development Commission has approved the appointment of Ryan Groeneweg, Mark Hoffman, and Luke Jessen to the 13-member Citizens Advisory Committee.

Ryan Groeneweg is Director of Community Education and Assistant Professor at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine Center for Disabilities. He submitted a CAC Request to Serve application to represent Persons with Disabilities stating, "I moved to Sioux Falls approximately two years ago to continue my work as a school psychologist and behavior analyst at the USD Center for Disabilities. Over the past 20 years, I have worked with families and their children across the age span who are diagnosed with various neurodevelopmental disabilities. At the same time, I have personally coped with a disability that impacts my vision and hearing and have a brother with similar hearing and vision deficits who also struggles to navigate communities in his wheelchair. I believe that I am well suited to provide perspective and advocate on behalf of individuals with disabilities."

Mark Hoffman is Sales Manager for the Midwest Division of L.G. Everist, Inc. Mark is a Civil Engineer and has lived in Sioux Falls since 2006. He submitted a CAC Request to Serve application to represent Construction and Development stating, "I have worked and collaborated with the transportation departments from Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota as well as completed projects with countless private engineering firms, municipalities, and counties. Being experienced in construction aggregates, municipal and heavy highway construction, railroad and transportation, I feel I have some insight to future metropolitan infrastructure and expansion."

Luke Jessen is Development Director at Lloyd Companies. Luke has lived in the Sioux Falls area for nearly 10 years and been employed for the past six years at Lloyd Companies. In his CAC Request to Serve application he stated, "I work across the upper midwest evaluating opportunities for our company to develop projects. Through my experiences working across various communities, I have had the opportunity to see development – especially future planning – across metros both larger and smaller than Sioux Falls. As I look across the future of our community, I can see so many opportunities for our metropolitan area to grow. I am excited for what's to come in our community and wish to be a part of the continued growth and success of our metro."

From Jim's Desk



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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. Applications will be accepted only from organizations which serve Seniors and/or Persons with Disabilities in the Sioux Falls Urbanized Area.

The application and additional information can be found at:
<http://siouxfallsmpo.org/resources/2021-fta-section-5310-funds/>

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 Friday, February 5, 2021.

Upcoming Meetings

Citizen Advisory Committee
March 10, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.

Technical Advisory Committee
March 11, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.

Urbanized Development Commission
March 11, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.

The Planners' Plans

Recreation Trails Program Grants

Applications are now being accepted for grants from the Recreation Trails Program (RTP). The grants will be available for trail projects sponsored by municipalities, counties, state parks, federal land management agencies, or tribal governments.

The RTP provides partial reimbursement for approved trail projects. Eligible projects include the construction of new public trails, rehabilitation of existing public trails, development of trail-related facilities, and educational programs that relate to recreational trails.

RTP applications must be submitted by Friday, April 9, 2021. Please contact Leslie, Patrick, or Kristen if you need assistance with submitting an application

SECOG Staffing

Following recent staff changes, SECOG has reconfigured some of the staffing duties to best assist its members. Future application and administration assistance for Lincoln County will be handled by Leslie Mastroianni, Turner County will be assisted by Patrick Andrews, and Kristen Benidt will be assisting Union County. Leslie will continue to assist Clay, McCook, and Minnehaha Counties. If you have a project that has already been awarded funding, please contact Leslie with any questions.

Your planner can be contacted at:

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Patrick: patrick@secog.org or 605-681-8176

Kristen: kristen@secog.org or 605-681-8174

Upcoming Deadlines

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|---|--------------------|
| GOED Local Infrastructure Improvement Program (LIIP) | • April 30, 2021 |
| South Dakota DENR | |
| • State Water Plan | • February 1, 2021 |
| • Funding Applications for Drinking Water Facilities, Sanitary/Storm Sewer Facilities, and Solid Waste Management | • April 1, 2021 |
| HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) | • April 1, 2021 |

The Planners' Plans



Are My Doodles Public Records?

If you occasionally doodle at work, you are not alone. In fact, many writers, celebrities, CEOs, and even presidents of the United States are known doodlers. While making a few quick sketches while on the clock is generally inconsequential, South Dakota law broadly classifies all documents and materials produced by a governmental entity or its employees as public records. According to SDCL 1-27-1.1, public records include “all records and documents, regardless of physical form, of or belonging to this state, any county, municipality, political subdivision, or tax-supported district in this state....” As public records, those materials are subject to very strict retention rules and public inspection requirements. Does this mean that everything you create or produce while at work, even a few scattered doodles, must be kept, filed, and made readily accessible to the public? Not exactly.

While discussions about the importance of maintaining things like personal doodles in your official government files is a bit farfetched, it is important for local governments to understand exactly what state law requires. SDCL 1-27-1 requires that, “Each government entity or elected or appointed government official shall, during normal business hours, make available to the public for inspection and copying...all public records held by that entity or official”. This broad command presumes that anything you create or produce while at work qualifies as something that must be accessible to the public. However, SDCL 1-27 goes on to specify several exceptions to this general rule, many of which are things you would expect like trade secrets, attorney work product, emergency or disaster response plans or protocols, citizen account payment information, social security numbers, and drafts of public policy documents. Circling back to the discussion of doodles, SDCL 1-27-1.5(19) specifically exempts “[p]ersonal correspondence, memoranda, notes, calendars or appointment logs” from public inspection and copying. While this provision has not been specifically litigated as applied to doodles, they are likely exempt as it seems targeted towards private things you may create at work that are unrelated to your official duties.

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While it sounds relatively straight forward, ensuring that your local government is complying with the requirements of SDCL 1-27 may be worth discussing with your attorney. If you have any questions about your municipal code, zoning ordinance, or subdivision regulations generally, please contact Patrick Andrews at patrick@secog.org or (605) 681-8176.

Decennial Census Redistricting

The 2020 Census Redistricting data, including the population counts and the census blocks for counties and communities, is scheduled to be released around April 1st. With this data, new voting district boundaries, which are dependent upon fluctuations in population counts, may need to be created. Required changes in the voting district boundaries must be adopted by February of 2022. SECOG will be offering redistricting services to communities and counties and will be available for redistricting questions. Similar to redistricting after the 2010 Census, each community or county will receive four hours of service for free with additional time charged at the member rate of \$60 per hour. Further information on redistricting, including scope of services, will be sent to SECOG's members at a later date. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Kristen Benidt at kristen@secog.org or (605) 681-8174.



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New Approved Loans

Dakota BUSINESS Finance
South Eastern Development Foundation



Pizza Ranch Mitchell, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

Purpose: Purchase of real estate

Participating Lender:

Derek Simonsen, First National Bank in
Sioux Falls

Silver Star Car Wash Sioux Falls, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF & SEDF
Loan

Purpose: Purchase and renovation of
building

Participating Lender:

Tyler Toy, First International Bank and
Trust



Friendly Horizons Assisted Living Summerset, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

Purpose: Purchase of land and
construction of building

Participating Lender:

Ron Wagner, First National Bank in
Pierre



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**Alger Customs
Milford, IA**

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

Purpose: Purchase and installation of equipment

Participating Lender:

Brett Johnson, Central Bank



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Tea, SD**

SBA 504 Loan through DBF & SEDF Loan

Purpose: Purchase of land and construction of storage units

Participating Lender:

Jay Mitchell, Great Western Bank

**Cornell Abstract Co.
Spirit Lake, IA**

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

Purpose: Purchase and renovation of a building

Participating Lender:

Brett Johnson, Central Bank



**North Marion Road Storage
Sioux Falls, SD**

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

Purpose: Refinance of real estate debt and cash out for working capital

Participating Lender:

Tate Thorstenson, First Bank and Trust

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Sioux Self Storage Sioux Falls, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

Purpose: Purchase of storage unit complex

Participating Lender:

Tim Rustand, Security National Bank



Ehrhart Griffin & Associates Sioux Falls, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

Purpose: Purchase of a building

Participating Lender:

Matt Teller, First National Bank in Sioux Falls



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& associates**

Midwest Stone Manufacturing Tea, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF

Purpose: Purchase of land and construction of building

Participating Lender:

Matt Metzger, First Dakota National Bank



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Expert Approach Vermillion, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF
Purpose: Purchase of building
Participating Lender:
Farron Pratt, First Dakota
National Bank

Shaykett Appraisal Company Sioux Falls, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF
Purpose: Purchase of building
Participating Lender:
Ryan Schneider, Plains
Commerce Bank



TXG Automotive Sioux Falls, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF
Purpose: Purchase and
renovation of building
Participating Lender:
Jordan Huisman, First Premier
Bank

UPS Store Sioux Falls, SD SEDF Loan

Purpose: Refinance of business
debt





Lidel Construction Sioux Falls, SD

SBA 504 Loan through DBF &
SEDF Loan

Purpose: Purchase of equipment

Participating Lender:

Patrick Erickson, Great Western
Bank

Garbage-N-More Garretson, SD SEDF Loan

Purpose: Purchase of
machinery and equipment



Original Pancake House Sioux Falls, SD SEDF Loan

Purpose: Working capital



Grille 26 Sioux Falls, SD SEDF Loan

Purpose: Working Capital



Minerva's
Sioux Falls, SD
SEDF Loan
Purpose: Working capital



Morrie's Steakhouse
Sioux Falls, SD
SEDF Loan
Purpose: Working capital

Legacy Law Firm
Sioux Falls, SD
SEDF Loan
Purpose: Working capital



NuVinAir
Tea, SD
SEDF Loan
Purpose: Working capital to start
NuVinAir franchise in Tea

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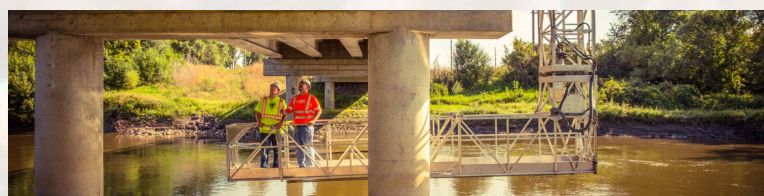
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