



February 2024

Planning & Development District III

Upcoming Deadlines & Events:

Feb 19 President's Day – office closed

Feb 28 DOT RAISE Grants due

March 8 FEMA Fire Grants due

April 1 Easter Holiday – office closed

April 1 CDBG Apps due

April 1 SRF-Drinking Water/Clean Water Apps due

April 1 Solid Waste Management Apps due

April 5 Recreational Trails Program Apps due

April 10-11 GOED Conference – Sioux Falls

April 15 DOT Industrial/Agri-Business Apps due

April 30 GOED Local Infrastructure & EDPP Apps due

North Central Regional Food Business Center Update

District III is currently working on applications to the RFSI (Resilient Food System Infrastructure) program. DNR and USDA have over \$2.9 million available for grants to projects that improve capacity for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, and distribution of locally & regionally produced food products. Eligible industries include specialty crops, dairy, grains for human consumption, aquaculture, & other food products (including eggs), excluding meat & poultry. There are two project types:

Infrastructure – project awards will be at least \$100,000 with an equal applicant match. Underserved producers & small, disadvantaged businesses contribute 25%

Equipment Only – project awards may be \$10,000 - \$100,000 for amounts equal to the cost of the equipment.

Due date: March 10, 2024

Please contact Eric or Brian for more information re: RFSI

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Home Loan Bank – Community Investment

Make a greater impact in your community with larger grant awards available this year. Sponsor housing organizations can apply for a grant award up to \$3 million per project or \$150,000 per unit. The Competitive Affordable Housing Program (AHP) is one of the largest sources of private sector grants for affordable housing in the nation. Funds can be used for the purchase, construction or rehabilitation of owner-occupied or rental housing units.

Applications open April 1, 2024 with a Due date of May 1, 2024

Please contact Eric for more information

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grants

Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

Due date: March 8, 2024

Please contact Fred for more information

CONGRATULATIONS to our members who received the following FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant awards. Please contact John for information re: HMGP

Lesterville – Fire Hall generator \$35,929

Mitchell – tornado shelter \$594,769