

## Upcoming Deadlines & Events:

- April 5** Recreational Trails Program Apps due
- April 10-11** GOED Conference – Sioux Falls
- April 15** DOT Industrial/Agri-Business Apps due
- April 26** Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Apps due (outdoor recreation)
- April 30** GOED Local Infrastructure & EDPP Apps due
- April 30** Business Builder Sub-Award Grants due
- May 1** Federal Home Loan Bank Apps due

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

Lesterville – Water tower generator \$23,319

Parkston – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street lift station generator \$11,135

Gregory County - Courthouse generator \$50,492

## Job Announcement:

District III has an opening for a full-time **Community Development Specialist**. This position provides a wide range of community and economic development services that produce project financing, support local and regional planning processes, and generate useful information. District III offers a competitive compensation and benefits package. Salary DOQ. Resumes must be received by 5:00 P.M. CT, Friday, April 19, 2024. Please direct any questions to:

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **SD Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) 2024 Grant**

The LWCF provides up to 50% reimbursement for approved outdoor recreation projects that seek at least \$10,000 in grant assistance. Grants will be awarded for development or renovation of public outdoor recreation facilities. Priorities identified by the public include unpaved trails, swim beaches, fishing areas, canoe & kayak water trails, nature areas/open spaces, playgrounds, dog parks, and picnic areas. Public outdoor recreation projects sponsored by city, county, township, and tribal governments are eligible.

**Due date: April 26, 2024**

Please contact John, Eric or Brian for more information

### **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.

**Due date: May 1, 2024**

Please contact Fred or Eric for more information

### **Regional Food Business Center (RFBC) Update**

Applications for the **Business Builder Sub-Award Grants are now open and due April 30, 2024**. These grants support regional projects and businesses aiming for expansion and growth. Average award amounts est. \$35,000 - \$50,000. Growers, producers (commodities, fruits, vegetables & livestock), aggregators, distributors and food access points (food co-ops, farmers markets, etc.) are eligible. For-profit private sector and non-profit organizations that are small to mid-sized local food value chain businesses are encouraged to apply. Grants may support staff time, business planning activities, software implementation, purchase of equipment, value chain and supply chain coordination and innovation, product development and marketing.

To apply go to [www.northcentralrfbc.org/funding](http://www.northcentralrfbc.org/funding) or contact Brian or Eric at District III for assistance.