Gov. Daugaard Announces Nearly $83.2 Million for Environmental Projects

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved nearly $83.2 million for water and waste projects. The board met Thursday and Friday in Pierre.

The $83,176,482 total includes $14.1 million in grants and $69.1 million in low-interest loans, with $2.9 million of the loan total in principal forgiveness.

“I am pleased to announce that this money is available to assist local communities,” said Gov. Daugaard. “Grant and loan awards will result in better drinking water, improved wastewater treatment and enhanced protection of the environment.”

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

Grants were awarded to:
- **DENR**, $350,000 grant for waste tire and solid waste cleanup program
- **SECOG**, $500,000 grant for regional solid waste and recycling loan program

Loans were awarded to:
- **Canton**, $1.550 million loan for drinking water source improvements
- **Howard**, $1.764 million loan for lagoon expansion project
- **Kennebec**, $1.16 million loan for wastewater system improvements
- **Northville**, $140,000 loan for storm sewer improvements
- **Sioux Falls**, $31.45 million total for two loans that provide $11.4 million for a Brandon road pump station force main, $18.53 million for outfall sewer replacement and $1.52 million for nonpoint source improvements in the Big Sioux River basin

Loans with principal forgiveness were awarded to:
- **Brandon**, $15.425 million total includes a $3 million loan for sanitary sewer improvements and a $12.425 million loan for drinking water system improvements, with $500,000 in principal forgiveness
- **Buffalo**, $1.695 million for drinking water system improvements, with $600,000 in principal forgiveness
Tyndall, $1.57 million loan for drinking water distribution and storage upgrades, with $200,000 in principal forgiveness

Woodland Hills, $481,000 loan for drinking water distribution system improvements, with $384,800 in principal forgiveness

Grant and loan packages were awarded to:

- **Big Sioux Community Water**, $3.014 million for a project to deliver drinking water to Madison that includes a $2 million grant and $1.014 million loan
- **Clark**, $5.485 million total for a wastewater treatment facility that includes $3 million grant and $2.485 million loan
- **Hosmer**, $1.268 million total for wastewater system improvements that includes a $300,000 grant and $968,000 loan, with $714,400 in principal forgiveness
- **Humboldt**, $2.086 million total for sanitary sewer collection and treatment that includes a $1,668,800 grant and $417,200 loan
- **Ipswich**, $3.951 million total for wastewater system improvements that includes a $2 million grant and $1.951 million loan
- **Lennox**, $2.433 million total for Main Street storm sewer and sanitary sewer improvements that includes a $560,000 grant and $1.873 million loan
- **Lesterville**, $53,000 total for water meter replacement that includes a $26,500 grant and $26,500 loan
- **Minnehaha Community Water Corporation**, $1.8 million total for a systems improvement to deliver water to Big Sioux Community Water that includes a $900,000 grant and $900,000 loan
- **Sioux Rural Water System**, $4.515 million for water system improvements and to add new customers that includes a $2 million grant and $2.515 million loan
- **Waubay**, $1.78 million total for wastewater treatment facility improvements that includes a $700,000 grant and a $1.08 million loan, with $500,000 in principal forgiveness
- **Wessington Springs**, $702,000 total for Main Street infrastructure improvements that includes a $50,000 grant and $393,000 loan for sanitary sewer lines and a $50,000 grant and $209,000 loan for water mains

The grants, loans and principal forgiveness were awarded from DENR’s Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program and Solid Waste Management Program.

The Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, funded in part by revenues from the sale of lotto tickets, provides grants and loans for water, wastewater and watershed projects. The Solid Waste Management Program provides grants and loans for solid waste disposal, recycling and waste tire projects. The Legislature annually appropriates dedicated water and waste funding for the Consolidated and Solid Waste programs through the Governor’s Omnibus Water Funding Bill.

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program provides low-interest loans for wastewater, storm water and nonpoint source projects. Principal forgiveness is a subsidy option that results in a reduced loan repayment amount for the borrower.