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Gov. Daugaard Announces Nearly \$54.8 Million for Environmental Projects

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved nearly \$54.8 million for water and waste projects. The board met Wednesday and Thursday in Pierre.

The \$54,798,268 total includes \$14.6 million in grants and \$40.2 million in low-interest loans, with \$4.96 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:

- **Delmont**, \$126,768 grant to refinance state revolving fund loan
- **Department of Environment and Natural Resources**, \$750,000 grant for Big Sioux River hydrologic model
- **Emery**, \$1.25 million grant amendment for water distribution system upgrade and replacement
- **Faulkton**, \$500,000 grant for wastewater system improvements
- **Freeman**, \$100,000 grant for restricted use facility expansion
- **Midland**, \$275,000 grant for water distribution and storage improvements
- **Sioux Falls**, \$2.04 million grant for flood control project
- **Watertown**, \$225,125 grant for flood control study

Loans were awarded to:

- **Brandon**, \$2.598 million loan for lift station project
- **Brookings-Deuel Rural Water System**, \$250,000 loan for automatic meter reading system
- **Canton**, \$2.408 million for two loans that includes a \$1.648 million loan for sanitary and storm sewer improvements and a \$760,000 loan for water distribution
- **Kingbrook Rural Water System**, \$9 million loan for water system improvements
- **Pierre**, \$4.071 million for two loans that includes a \$3.821 million loan for wastewater treatment facility improvements and a \$250,000 loan amendment for solid waste baler replacement

Loans with principal forgiveness were awarded to:

- **Astoria**, \$744,000 loan for wastewater system improvements, with \$368,700 in principal forgiveness
- **Chancellor**, \$180,000 loan for water meter replacement, with \$90,000 in principal forgiveness
- **Conde**, \$2.333 million loan for water distribution and storage improvements, with \$1.833 million in principal forgiveness
- **Perkins County Rural Water System**, \$1.722 million loan for water line realignment and booster station improvements, with \$1.033 million in principal forgiveness

Grant and loan packages were awarded to:

- **Britton**, \$4.656 million for water system improvements that includes a \$1.444 million grant and \$3.212 million loan
- **Colman**, \$1.2 million for watermain replacements that includes a \$700,000 grant and \$500,000 loan
- **Dell Rapids**, \$7.5 million total that includes a \$3.372 million grant and \$2.386 million loan for wastewater treatment facility improvements; a \$1.037 million grant for a 10th Street and Highway 115 sanitary and storm sewer improvements; and a \$705,000 loan for 10th Street and Highway 115 drinking water improvements
- **Miller**, \$8.611 million that includes a \$1 million grant and \$3.541 million loan for wastewater improvements; a \$1.958 million loan for storm water improvements; and a \$2.112 million loan for water distribution improvements, with \$692,000 in principal forgiveness
- **Prairie Meadows Sanitary District**, \$1.388 million for wastewater collection system improvements that includes an \$800,000 grant and \$588,000 loan
- **Wakonda**, \$1.93 million for drinking water system improvements that includes a \$552,000 grant and \$1.378 million loan, with \$948,000 in principal forgiveness
- **Westport**, \$617,000 for wastewater and storm water improvements that includes a \$172,000 grant and \$445,000 loan
- **Yale**, \$327,000 for a lagoon rip-rap project that includes a \$243,000 grant and \$84,000 loan

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, Solid Waste Management Program and State Water Resources Management System.

The Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, funded in part by revenues from the Petroleum Release Compensation Tank Inspection fee and 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 State Water Resources Management System, also funded in part by revenues from the sale of lotto tickets, provides grants and loans for large water projects that have been authorized by the Legislature. The Legislature annually appropriates dedicated water and waste funding for the Consolidated, Solid Waste and State Water Resources Management System programs through the Governor's Omnibus Water Funding Bill.

The State of South Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fund the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects. The State of South Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fund the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, which 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.