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## Gov. Daugaard Announces \$21,000 Grant for Huron Recycling Equipment

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources approved a \$21,000 grant for Huron to purchase equipment to assist in loading recyclable materials.

The grant will be administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

"I am pleased to announce that Huron will receive this assistance," said Gov. Daugaard. "This funding will help the city more efficiently load recyclable materials to haul out of the city for further processing."

Huron plans to purchase a mini-excavator to replace their existing old backhoe that is hard to maneuver for compacting recyclable materials for hauling. Loads are 7-9 tons without compaction, but are anticipated to be up to 12 tons with compaction.

The estimated cost of a new mini-excavator is \$70,000.

The Solid Waste Management Program provides grants and loans for solid waste disposal, recycling and waste tire projects statewide. Revenues come from dedicated solid waste fees that are deposited in the state Water and Environment Fund. The Legislature appropriates Water and Environment Funds annually to the Solid Waste Management Program through the Governor's Omnibus Water Funding Bill.

The board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.