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Gov. Daugaard Announces \$6,000 for Irene Recycling Project

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$6,000 grant for the City of Irene to purchase a recycling collection trailer.

The \$6,000 Solid Waste Management Program grant will be combined with \$6,000 in local funding to purchase an 18-cubic yard recycling trailer allowing the city to establish a recycling drop off site. City residents have expressed interest in recycling; however, with no local, central drop off location and the nearest facility 30 miles away, individual household recycling has been difficult to promote.

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

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Irene will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Daugaard. “The grant will help the community of Irene establish a local recycling site and save community members from driving their recyclables to Vermillion.”

The new, 18-cubic yard recycling trailer will have internal compartments allowing the residents of Irene to recycle a variety of household goods. The city will transport the trailer to the Vermillion recycling center once a month or as needed.

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 board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.