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Gov. Daugaard Announces More Than \$44.4 Million for Environmental Projects

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved more than \$44.4 million for water, wastewater, recycling and solid waste projects. The board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.

The \$44,462,400 total includes \$648,400 in grants and over \$43.8 million in low-interest loans, with \$1,145,000 in principal forgiveness.

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

“I am pleased to announce that this financial assistance is available,” said Gov. Daugaard. “These grant and loan awards will result in upgraded wastewater and drinking water infrastructure, wood waste removal, more recycling opportunities, local training and enhanced protection of the environment.”

Grants were awarded to:

- **Hot Springs**, \$17,500 grant for wood waste processing.
- **Irene**, \$6,000 to purchase a recycling trailer.
- **Sioux Falls**, \$283,000 to purchase wood waste processing equipment.
- **Solid Waste Management Association**, \$41,000 to host landfill operations training.

Loans were awarded to:

- **Pierre**, \$36,850,000 loan to construct and develop a surface water intake and build a drinking water treatment plant.
- **Mitchell**, \$4,621,000 loan for storm water, sanitary sewer, and drinking water system improvements in the east central drainage basin and to install nonpoint source best management practices in the Firesteel Creek watershed.
- **Chamberlain**, \$300,000 for water meter replacement.
- **Crooks**, \$348,000 loan amendment for sanitary and storm sewer improvements.

A loan with principal forgiveness was awarded to:

- **Tulare**, \$1,395,000 loan, with \$1,145,000 in principal forgiveness, for water system improvements.

A grant and loan package was awarded to:

- **Tri-county Landfill Association**, \$600,000 to purchase a landfill compactor, which includes a \$300,000 grant and \$300,000 loan.

The grants and loans 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 Petroleum Release Compensation Tank Inspection fee and the sale of lotto tickets, provides grants and loans for water, wastewater and watershed projects.

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, water conservation, and nonpoint source projects. Principal forgiveness is a subsidy option that results in a reduced loan repayment amount for the borrower.

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.