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Gov. Noem Announces \$6 Million for Elkton Water and Wastewater Projects

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$6 million funding package for Elkton to make drinking water and wastewater system improvements.

The funding package includes a \$2 million Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant, a \$1.206 million Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan, a \$794,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Grant, and a \$2 million Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan with \$1.164 million in principal forgiveness.

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Elkton will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Noem. “The funding will help the city make needed upgrades to its drinking water and wastewater systems to better serve its customers.”

The city is using a phased approach to complete the necessary water and wastewater system upgrades. Phase 1 sanitary sewer improvements include replacing 10,430 feet of sewer main, 29 manholes, and 7,600 feet of concrete culverts. Phase 1 drinking water system improvements include replacing 7,800 feet of water main, 10 hydrants, and 26 valves.

The estimated cost of the projects totals \$6 million. Loan terms are 2.75 percent for 30 years for both the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan.

The Consolidated Water Facilitates 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. Principal forgiveness is a subsidy option that results in a reduced loan repayment amount for the borrower.

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.

The board met today in Pierre.