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**Gov. Noem Announces an Additional \$253,000 for  
Edgemont Drinking Water System Improvements**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved an additional \$253,000 in loan funds for Edgemont to complete upgrades to its drinking water system.

The board previously awarded \$3.189 million in June 2015 and \$447,000 in June 2017 for the project. The funding package included a \$2,000,000 Consolidated Water Facilities construction Program grant and \$2,337,000 in Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loans, with \$1,363,890 in principal forgiveness.

The additional funds include a \$253,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan, with \$89,000 in principal forgiveness. Loan terms are 0 percent for 30 years.

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

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Edgemont will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Noem. “This funding will help the city complete much-needed drinking water system upgrades to provide safe, reliable drinking water to the city’s residents.”

The additional funds will be used to drill a new drinking water well and abandon an existing well.

Edgemont originally obtained funding to rehabilitate the existing well. When it was determined that rehabilitation was not a viable option and there were not enough funds to develop another water source, the city approached the board for additional funds. The overall project also included rehabilitation of another well, construction of a new water treatment facility and storage tank, and the installation of 3,500 feet of water main.

The estimated cost of the project is \$4.59 million.

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 for the borrower.

The board met today in Pierre.