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Gov. Noem Announces an Additional \$570,000 for Langford Drinking Water System Improvements

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved an additional \$570,000 funding package for Langford to make drinking water system improvements.

The board previously awarded a \$386,000 loan and \$985,000 grant for the project in June 2017. The additional funds include a \$570,000 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund with \$470,000 in principal forgiveness. Loan terms are zero percent for 30 years. This funding will allow Langford to complete its drinking water system improvements.

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

“I am pleased to announce that Langford will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Noem. “This funding will help the city complete upgrades to its water system to reduce water loss and better serve its customers.”

The project includes line replacement, water tower upgrades, and water meter replacement. Previous funding from the board covered the estimated cost of the project however, bids for the water tower upgrades were higher than expected. The additional funding will allow the city to complete the project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2.491 million.

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 board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.