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Gov. Noem Announces \$60,000 for Yankton Transfer Station Equipment Purchase

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$60,000 grant from the Solid Waste Management Program to help Yankton purchase equipment for its solid waste transfer station.

The grant will be administered by the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

"I am pleased to announce that Yankton will receive this assistance," said Gov. Noem. "Effective solid waste management is necessary to properly manage our waste stream and protect the environment. Having modern, reliable equipment helps our landfills meet this goal."

Use of Yankton's solid waste transfer station continues to increase causing extra wear-and-tear on facility equipment and the need for additional equipment. To meet the demand, the city plans to purchase a new skid loader, mini-excavator, and walking floor trailer. The new equipment will allow the facility to maintain efficient operation of the facility moving forward.

The grant, combined with local funds, will cover \$297,000 cost of the project.

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.