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Gov. Noem Announces \$7.815 Million for Webster Water, Storm Water, and Wastewater Improvements

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$7,815,000 funding package for Webster to make drinking water, storm water, and wastewater improvements.

The funding package includes a \$1,184,000 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, a \$5,031,000 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund with \$1,400,000 in principal forgiveness, and a \$1,600,000 Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant. Loan terms are 2.125 percent for 30 years for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan and 1.625 percent for 30 years for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan.

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

“I am pleased to announce that Webster will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Noem. “This funding will help the city complete upgrades to its water and wastewater systems to better serve its customers and protect the environment.”

The project includes replacement of all the remaining concrete and asbestos cement water lines to prevent future water line breaks and minimize water loss. For efficiency, the city will also replace old wastewater and storm water sewer infrastructure while making the drinking water system improvements.

The funding package will cover the total cost of the project.

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 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for wastewater, storm water and nonpoint source 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 board met today via remote video connection.