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Gov. Noem Announces \$343,000 for Vermillion Recycling Project

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$343,000 grant from the Solid Waste Management Program to help the City of Vermillion renovate its recycling center.

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

“I am pleased to announce that Vermillion will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Noem. “The grant will help the city renovate its recycling facility to improve operations and better serve its customers.”

The city’s Missouri Valley Recycling Center is housed in a converted warehouse built in 1972 and needs major renovations to provide a safe and efficient environment for both staff and the public. Renovations include separating the public drop off area from work areas, constructing a fire rated wall between the processing area and cold storage area, installing a fire detection and smoke and heat removal system in the cold storage area, reconstructing the wall between the processing area and office to reduce exhaust intrusion, and constructing ADA accessible restrooms.

The grant, combined with local funds, will cover the \$686,650 cost of the renovation 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 via remote video connection.