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**Gov. Noem Announces \$1.219 Million for Saint Lawrence Water and
Wastewater System Improvements**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$1,219,000 funding package for Saint Lawrence to make water and wastewater system improvements.

The funding package includes a \$1,148,000 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund with \$1,030,000 in principal forgiveness and a \$71,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Water Quality grant. Loan terms are 2.125 percent for 30 years.

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

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

The drinking water system improvements include the installation of an automatic water meter reading system, rehabilitation of the water tower, and replacement of existing cast iron water lines. Grant funds will be used to clean and televise the sanitary sewer system so plans can be developed for a system wide wastewater improvement project.

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

Water Quality grants are funded by an administrative surcharge that is part of the interest paid by Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan recipients.

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.