

March 2024

Planning & Development District III

UPCOMING DEADLINES & EVENTS

- March 8** FEMA Fire Grants due
- March 20** District 5 Municipal League meeting – Wessington Springs
- March 21** District 4 Municipal League meeting - Gregory
- March 29** Easter Holiday – office closed
- April 1** Easter Holiday – office closed
- April 1** CDBG Apps due
- April 1** SRF-Drinking Water/Clean Water Apps due
- April 1** Solid Waste Management Apps due
- April 2** District 3 Municipal League meeting - Harrisburg
- April 5** Recreational Trails Program Apps due
- April 10-11** GOED Conference – Sioux Falls
- April 15** DOT Industrial/Agri-Business Apps due
- April 26** Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Apps due (outdoor recreation)
- April 30** GOED Local Infrastructure & EDPP Apps due



Please be aware that solicitors for SAM registrations are becoming more aggressive in wanting you to pay them to renew your registration. SAM registrations are FREE. District III will continue to assist you for FREE. DO NOT respond to emails from .com! If you have questions, please contact Fred or Jen.

COMING UP...WATCH FOR IT!

District III will be updating its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in 2024. The CEDS is a strategy-driven plan for regional economic development. Economic development, as implemented through the CEDS, serves as a means to engage community leaders, leverage the involvement of the private sector, and establish a strategic blueprint for regional collaboration. An integral part of developing the CEDS includes a robust survey process. Please keep an eye out for the survey this spring and please participate. We value your ideas and opinions regarding economic development priorities in our region.

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL FOOD BUSINESS CENTER UPDATE

District III is currently working on applications to the RFSI (Resilient Food System Infrastructure) program. DANR and USDA have over \$2.9 million available for grants to projects that improve capacity for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, and distribution of locally & regionally produced food products. Eligible industries include specialty crops, dairy, grains for human consumption, aquaculture, & other food products (including eggs), excluding meat & poultry. There are two project types:

Infrastructure – project awards will be at least \$100,000 with an equal applicant match. Underserved producers & small, disadvantaged businesses contribute 25%

Equipment Only – project awards may be \$10,000 - \$100,000 for amounts equal to the cost of the equipment

Due date: March 10, 2024

Please contact Eric or Brian for more information re: RFSI

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

SD Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) 2024 Grant

The LWCF provides up to 50% reimbursement for approved outdoor recreation projects that seek at least \$10,000 in grant assistance. Grants will be awarded for development or renovation of public outdoor recreation facilities. Priorities identified by the public include unpaved trails, swim beaches, fishing areas, canoe & kayak water trails, nature areas/open spaces, playgrounds, dog parks, and picnic areas. Public outdoor recreation projects sponsored by city, county, township, and tribal governments are eligible.

Due date: April 26, 2024

Please contact John, Eric, or Brian for more information

Federal Home Loan Bank – Community Investment

Make a greater impact in your community with larger grant awards available this year. Sponsor housing organizations can apply for a grant award up to \$3 million per project or \$150,000 per unit. The Competitive Affordable Housing Program (AHP) is one of the largest sources of private sector grants for affordable housing in the nation. Funds can be used for the purchase, construction, or rehabilitation of owner-occupied or rental housing units.

Applications open April 1, 2024 with a Due date of May 1, 2024

Please contact Fred or Eric for more information