



## DENR ARRA Funded Projects.....

### Upcoming Events

- Town Hall  
Custer  
October 27 @ Noon  
Pine Room
- Town Hall  
Box Elder  
October 27 @ 7:00 pm  
Douglas School
- Town Hall  
Sturgis  
October 29 @ 7 am  
BH Special Services
- Town Hall  
Hill City  
November 3 @ 6:30 pm  
City Hall
- Town Hall  
Hot Springs  
November 5 @ 6:30 pm  
Mueller Center
- Town Hall  
Lead/Deadwood  
November 10 @ 6:30 pm  
Deadwood Chamber
- Town Hall  
Rapid City  
November 12 @ 6:30 pm  
Confort Suites
- BHCOLG Board Meeting  
– January 28, 2010

The Black Hills Council of Local Governments has been working on a number of projects that involved the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)*, more commonly known as the “Stimulus Act” monies. Throughout this spring and early summer, Staff has worked with a number of communities regarding the funding of water and sewer projects with the ARRA monies received by SD DENR totaling approximately \$38.5 million in funds for water and sewer projects. The manner that the State used to distribute these monies was

through a process called principal forgiveness. Basically, this is a grant that is given at the time of the first payment on the loan. Ten entities in the District were awarded ARRA principal forgiveness funds. The table below describes the project, the total project costs and the amount of principal forgiveness granted. Through this funding source, there has been a total of \$11.6 million worth of new construction projects realized in the District. Due to the nature of the process, most of these projects will be completed next year.

<u>Project Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Project</u>	<u>Principal Forgiveness</u>	<u>%</u>
Colonial Pine Hills SD	New Well & Water System Improvements	\$1,003,608	\$250,000	25%
Fall River WUD	Expansion of System to Custer County	\$2,173,419	\$612,000	28%
Fall River WUD	Internal Improvements – Phase I	\$2,296,400	\$750,000	33%
Hill City	Water System Improvements	\$402,200	\$241,320	60%
Lead	Separation & Rehabilitation	\$1,639,296	\$387,600	24%
New Underwood	Well #2 Improvements	\$358,500	\$70,200	20%
Newell	Water Tower/Well/Line Replacement	\$1,160,500	\$322,750	28%
Rapid Valley SD.	Water Treatment Plant Expansion	\$682,000	\$682,000	100%
Sturgis	Murray Addition Sewer Improvements	\$1,086,900	\$218,283	20%
Sturgis	Murray Addition Water Improvements	\$863,000	\$86,300	10%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$11,665,823</b>	<b>\$3,620,453</b>	<b>33%</b>

## EECBG Is Here.....

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The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program has been established to assist local governments with energy conservation projects. The State has just recently been awarded the funds for this program. The program is eligible to all local communities and counties that did not receive a direct grant from the Department of Energy. In our District, Lawrence, Meade and Pennington Counties, and Rapid City all have received a direct grant. The State has received \$5.6 million in EECBG funds.

The SD Energy Office has asked the Planning District to prepare these grants. The program allows for up to a 100% grant for any eligible activity. A wide range of activities are allowed which would result in energy conservation. The inquiries that we have had to date include replacements of boilers, HVAC systems, windows and lighting including street lights. Due a short timeframe for grant application completion, please contact our office asap if you have a project that would fit this program.

## Director's Perspective.....

As I stated in our last newsletter, I have been working closely with Black Hills Community Economic Development. At the October 22, 2009 Council Meeting, the Board adopted a Memorandum of Understanding that lays out a timeline for reviewing how these two organizations can achieve a better coordination of efforts by minimizing the duplication and overlapping of services and costs, while maintaining the

integrity of both organizations. One of the key components to this is the possible relocation of the Black Hills Council office to the Business Development Center located on the campus of SDSM&T, which would allow both organizations to interact on daily basis. I would welcome any input you have on this matter as we continue to investigate this possibility in the coming months.

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