

Infrastructure

GRANTS OVERVIEW

GOED works closely with South Dakota Department of Transportation (SD DOT) on infrastructure grants. The four grants described here serve different purposes and target distinct aspects of infrastructure development.

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT OR (LIIP)

Description

This is a state-funded grant that must be linked to a new economic development project and assist local governments in funding infrastructure improvements that enhance public facilities and community development.

Criteria

- It does require the applicant to provide a 1:1 match on the funding awarded.
- If awarded, the grant is disbursed on a reimbursement basis.
- The maximum grant award is \$500,000.

Uses

- Construction of a rail siding to load and offload railroad cars.
- Road improvements to support an increased truck traffic to dairy farms or road extensions into Industrial Parks.
- Installation of water and sewer infrastructure for Industrial Park.

How to Apply

- Eligible applicants are any local government entity (county, city, town) tribal government, or economic development organization.
- Communities are encouraged to contact their local planning district office and GOED office to discuss potential projects. GOED will invite the community and planning district to apply.
- A map and contact information for the six state planning districts can be found on the following link: <https://sdgoed.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/NewPlanningDistrict-RegionMap2.pdf>

Application Deadlines

Applications are accepted quarterly and are submitted by a SD planning district.

- January 31, for consideration at the March board meeting.
- April 30, for consideration at the June board meeting.
- July 31, for consideration at the September board meeting.
- October 3, for consideration at the December board meeting. <https://sdgoed.com/partners/financing-incentives/local-infrastructure-improvement/>

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SD DOT) INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD GRANTS

Description

The DOT Industrial Park Program is a means to assist cities and towns that have a new industry coming to their community and need new or expanded access to the industry.

Uses

Roads for cities, towns, and counties.

Criteria

- SD DOT provides 80% of the project construction costs on a reimbursement basis for roads within or providing access to an industrial park.
- Community is responsible for all right-of-way acquisitions, utility costs, and design / construction engineering costs.
- Community is responsible to let the project to bid.
- Office of Local Transportation Programs will provide technical assistance throughout all phases of the project. They approve plans, concur in the bid award, and reimburse the community for project costs.
- Grant amounts are limited to \$500,000 a project.
- The commitment for the start of construction is within six months of the date of commission approval.

or
- Evidence that new construction or expansion of industrial or economic development facility that meets all other program criteria has been documented within the past year and that previous grants have not been obtained based on the same justification.
- There is a minimum committed capital investment of at least five times the required state participation costs.
- Total employment for all facilities in the industrial park or development project should be at least 50.
- A minimum of 5 new jobs will be created by the development.

For a full list of criteria and to view the fact sheet go to SD DOT website at: https://dot.sd.gov/media/documents/FactSheet_IndustrialParks.pdf

How to Apply

- Applications are available through the SD DOT Office of Local Government Assistance in the Dept. of Transportation. <https://dot.sd.gov/inside-sddot/forms-publications/forms>
- The applications are to be submitted by a local unit of government, an Industrial Development Corporation, or an equivalent organization.

A map and contact information for the six state planning districts can be found on the following link: <https://sdgoed.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/NewPlanningDistrict-RegionMap2.pdf>

Application Deadline

- April 15
- July 15
- October 15

For more information contact Paula Huizenga at Paula.Huizenga@state.sd.us or call 605-773-6253.

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SD DOT) COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD GRANT

Description

The SD DOT Community Access Program is a means for small towns with populations less than 5,000, to pave or reconstruct important local roads.

Uses

Main street, the road to the elevator or a school, as examples.

Criteria

- Grant amount is a maximum of \$600,000.
- State reimburses local sponsor for 80% of construction costs.
- The community is responsible for all right-of-way acquisitions, utility costs, and design/construction engineering costs.
- The community is responsible to let the project to bid.
- Applications are ranked by the SD DOT Office of Local Government Assistance.
- Rankings are based on a variety of factors including existing road condition, average daily traffic, truck traffic, location, impact on businesses, and if combined with other infrastructure projects (water/sewer/storm) or has other infrastructure funding available (CDBG, State Revolving Loan Fund or Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Fund).

For a full list of criteria and to view the fact sheet go to SD DOT website at: https://dot.sd.gov/media/documents/FactSheet_commaccessroadgrants.pdf

How to Apply

- To be eligible to apply a town must be less than 5,000 in population.
- The application must be submitted by a local government.

Application Deadline

Grant application notices are sent out in the spring of each year. Applications are due to the SD DOT by July 15.

Applications can be found on SD DOT website:
<https://dot.sd.gov/inside-sddot/forms-publications/forms>

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SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SD DOT) AGRI-BUSINESS ACCESS GRANT

Description

The SD DOT Agri-Business Access Grant Program is a means for local governments to address road needs associated with new agri-business, such as ethanol plants, hog farms, dairies, chicken ranches, feed lots or large-scale elevators. In many cases, these new agri-businesses create additional truck traffic that an existing road may not be able to withstand.

Uses

Dairies, elevators, ethanol plants, as examples.

Criteria

- SD DOT works closely with GOED on these grants.
- The grant amount is a maximum of \$600,000.
- Grants apply to the construction of roads meeting minimum program criteria and serving as the primary access to an agriculture-related business.
- The state provides 80% of the project costs on a reimbursement basis.
- The local government is responsible to let the project to bid.
- A minimum of 5 new jobs will be created.
- A minimum investment of at least five times the required state participation costs.

For a full list of criteria and to view the fact sheet go to SD DOT website at: https://dot.sd.gov/media/documents/FactSheet_Agribusiness.pdf

How to Apply

Applications are to be submitted by a local unit of government (city, town, township, county, or tribe).

Applications can be found on SD DOT website:
<https://dot.sd.gov/inside-sddot/forms-publications/forms>

Application Deadline

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- October 15

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