



Southeast Nebraska Development District

2010 Highlights From Sendd Executive Director

From the Executive Director, David R. Taladay:

Thank you for reading this newsletter. Our Editor, Emily Bausch, is adamant that we provide the latest information to our members and readers. This last year or so, has seen some significant changes to the Southeast Nebraska Development District and here are just a few items that you may or may not know.

- The District membership expanded to 15-counties in 2007, which includes 139 communities in that service area. By September of 2009, this expanded service area was “certified” as a single Economic Development District by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). (Ask

us about the original River Country Economic Development District sometime for stories of old.)

- George Frye, our Executive Director since 1971, retired in November of 2009. We had a fine retirement ceremony at a NACO conference in the spring of 2010. Thank you George for getting us here.

- In June of 2010, new By-Laws for SENDD with a new 27-member Board of Directors were completed. The Board now includes; Government representatives from each of the 15-counties, Private Sector Representatives, Stakeholder Organization Representatives and At-Large Representatives. This new structure was required for the EDA

“certification”.

- The District now includes eight staff in our Lincoln office and two staff in Humboldt.

- This year continues to be extremely busy with projects under way from Disaster Repair Programs, the Neighborhood Stabilization Programs and recently through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant program under the Nebraska Energy Office.

All our staff look forward to assisting our members in planning, project and funding development, Administration and Program Management.

Thank you all for continued support and membership in the District.

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Sendd Staff pictured—Left to Right: Back row Crystal Dunekacke and son Ty, Sharon Taylor, Emily Bausch and husband Charles, Kevin Burnison and wife Joyce, Jen Olds and husband Brandon. Front Row Dave Taladay and wife Marcell, Craig Eberle and wife Sarah. Staff not pictured John Trouba, Kent Harner, and Ben Volz

SEND D Staff Available for Assistance with Project Development and Grant Application Submittals

SENDD provides a variety of services to member communities, including assistance with project development and grant writing. SEND D Staff is experienced with federal and state funding sources that are available through competitive application cycles. These program are designed to assist communities with a variety of community infrastructure, facilities, housing, and economic development projects. The Nebraska Department of Economic Development's (NDED's) Proposed 2011 Annual Action Plan has recently announced application deadlines for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and the Nebraska Affordable Housing Programs (NAHP).

There are milestones and requirements associated with applying for grant applications.

Communities in Southeast Nebraska that are thinking about seeking grant funding for future projects are encouraged to contact SEND D Staff early in the conceptual and project development phase of a potential project.

SEND D Staff can assist your community with resource identification and strategic planning processes that are many times required to make a competitive application. SEND D Staff works closely with communities seeking grant funding to package a competitive application meeting the State's thresholds and scoring requirements.

Potential projects for grant funding through CDBG and NAHP include a number of Planning products (comprehensive plans, housing studies, downtown studies, preliminary engineering reports, feasibility studies, etc.); Public infrastructure and facilities (street paving, water and wastewater facilities, community buildings, senior centers, day care centers, etc.); Housing (owner occupied rehabilitation, homebuyer programs, rental programs, etc.); Tourism Development and Economic Development projects for job creation and retention.

Contact a SEND D Staff member to learn more about grant resources available, and application deadlines and requirements.

**IMPORTANT
2011 DED Application Dates**

Funding Category	Application Closing
Housing	
<i>Nebraska Affordable Housing Program</i>	
*First Cycle	
Pre-application (optional)	February 25, 2011
Application Due	May 6, 2011
*Second Cycle (If Needed)	TBA
Community Development	
<i>Public Works</i>	
*First Cycle	July 1, 2011
*Second Cycle (If needed)	TBA
Water Wastewater Planning	
	Open Cycle, begins May 2, 2011
*First Cycle	April 14, 2011
*Second Cycle	October 29, 2011
*Third Cycle	Open Cycle, begins January 11, 2012
Downtown Revitalization	
*First Cycle	
Pre-application	March 31, 2011
Planning Phase Implemented	June 2011-January 2012
Phase II Application (Project)	January 31, 2012
*Second Cycle (If needed)	To Be Determined
Economic Development	
Economic Development	Open Cycle
Tourism Development	Open Cycle begins May10, 2011

Energy Efficiency Grants are a "Bright" Idea in many SEND D Communities

SEND D continues assisting communities with Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) through the Nebraska Energy Office. Projects SEND D is administering include; City of Humboldt, Village of Polk, Pawnee County, Saline County, York County, Otoe County, and Nemaha County. Repairs include: Storm Doors, Windows, HVAC Units, Boiler Replacements, and lighting upgrades.

Additionally, SEND D is assisting with the EECBG administration service for; Nebraska City, Tecumseh Seward, and Wilber. These additional projects have a wide range of Energy Efficiency improvements; including HVAC units, street lighting, equipment improvements, lighting upgrades, window, door, roof and insulation replacements.



Interior light fixture in York County Courthouse to be replaced with grant funding from the Nebraska Energy Office.