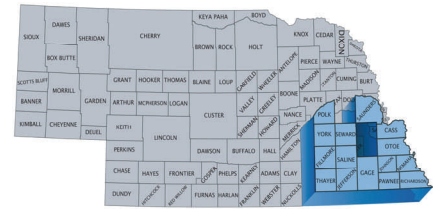


SEND D

Southeast Nebraska Development District



The Benefits of SENDD Membership

SEND D is a multi-county economic development organization. We are a voluntary association of counties and municipalities formed under the Inter-local Cooperation Act. A Board of Directors consisting of elected officials, businesses, economic development organizations and regional stakeholders makes policy decisions and sets direction for the organization.

SEND D membership currently includes the following 15 counties and many of the 139 municipalities (91.9% participated as full members last year): Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer, and York Counties.

There are two levels of Membership Services:

1) Full Membership (includes any municipality located within a dues-paying County which is also paying the membership dues assessment). Services include, but are not necessarily limited to: Receive the District's newsletter, Special Notices of programs, Unlimited visits to discuss requirements of participation in specific programs, Assistance (normally at no cost) with preparation of grant and loan applications, Special studies associated with grant and loan applications, Census data and special re-

ports normally maintained by SEND D, Labor/Workforce data normally maintained by SEND D, and Staff consultation on specific employment generating projects.

2) General Membership (includes any municipality which is not a dues paying member itself, but is located in a county which is paying membership dues) Services include, but are not necessarily limited to: Receiving the District's newsletter, Receiving special notices regarding the availability of programs of interest to political subdivisions, and limited staff visits to discuss requirements of participation in specific programs.

SEND D Services & Programs

SEND D staff includes persons with varied professional backgrounds, experience, and education. The organization is capable of providing assistance in a number of areas including:

- ◆ General Gov't Contacts & Liaison w/Federal & State Agencies
- ◆ Grant Writing— CDBG, DOR, LWCF, NEO, USDA RD, and private foundations
- ◆ Business & Industry Financing—Revolving loan funds

◆ Grant Administration—we have several Certified CDBG Grant Administrators on staff

◆ Housing Rehab Program Mgt.—we have Housing Rehab Specialists on staff that are certified in lead paint testing

◆ Special Studies/Plan— Housing needs assessment/ marketing studies, Community Needs assessment studies/ surveys, Household income surveys, workforce availability studies

◆ Financial Packaging— Business loan projects through Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), USDA-Rural Development and Small Business Association (SBA) resources. Infrastructure projects—water, sewer, streets, solid waste, flood control, recycling, and parks & recreation development.

Contact the SEND D Lincoln or Humboldt office to discuss any prospective project you are contemplating. If you are a dues-paying member we can assist you with the process.

Communities that are not currently members of SEND D are encouraged to join now. Dues are minimal, but the benefits can be great! Contact Executive Director, David Taladay if your community would like to join SEND D. Let us help you get the most out of state, federal and private funding opportunities.

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Recent Results of SENDD Partnerships

Six Communities Awarded Housing Rehab Funds

Six communities in the SENDD region were recently awarded CDBG Funds from the NE Dept. of Economic Development to implement Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Programs. The programs will provide financial assistance to eligible homeowners to perform needed repairs to their homes. SENDD assisted the communities with application preparation and will perform grant administration on the awarded projects which include:

Ashland	\$256,992	8 units
Auburn	\$224,868	7 units
Fairbury	\$256,992	8 units
Peru	\$224,868	7 units
Plattsmouth	\$224,868	7 units
Stella	\$128,496	4 units

Downpayment Assistance Awards for Seward and Thayer Counties

The NE Dept. of Economic Development has recently awarded NAHTF Funds to the City of Seward (\$349,000) and the Thayer County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA) (\$157,500) to implement Down-payment Assistance Programs in Seward and Thayer counties (respectively).

Funds will assist income-eligible homebuyers with assistance toward a down-payment as well as make minor repairs on the home being purchased.

For more information contact Jen Olds or Jim Warrelmann at the SENDD Lincoln office, (402) 475-2560 or by email at jolds@sendd.org or jwarrelmann@sendd.org.

SE Nebraska Affordable Housing Council Receives \$319,164 for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab

A grant from the NE Dept. of Economic Development will allow 11 owner occupied units in Lancaster and Seward counties to be rehabilitated. The funds can be used to address code deficiencies, bringing homes up to minimum rehab standards, energy conservation, fire protection, and general improvements. Contact Emily Bausch at the SENDD Lincoln office at (402) 475-2560 for more information.

SEND D Receives Intermediary Relending Program Funds from USDA

SEND D was recently awarded \$223,000 through the USDA-Rural Development Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) enabling SEND D to recapitalize the District's existing loan fund. These direct loan funds are currently available to assist new and existing small businesses in the 15-county SEND D area. The purpose of the SEND D IRP-RLF is to increase economic activity, community development and employment opportunities in rural communities. Eligible uses of IRP funds include: business acquisitions, purchase & development of land, equipment, machinery, inventory, and working capital. Maximum loan amount is \$150,000, with a maximum term of 15 years. Interest rates are fixed at 1/2 the participating lender rate (between 3% and 6%). For more information contact Craig Eberle at (402) 736-4417 or by email at ceberle@sendd.org.

Waste Reduction & Recycling Grants

The Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality recently announced \$1.7 million in waste reduction and recycling grants across the state. SEND D assisted the Otoe County Roads Department in applying for funds, and they received \$93,056 for the purchase of a compact track loader, mulching head attachment, and a trailer. The equipment will be used to grind and mulch brush and small trees in Otoe County from its road ditches.

Other organizations receiving funds in the 15-county SEND D area include: Four Corners Health Dept. in York \$15,645 for 3 HHW collections, Nemaha NRD \$35,568 for 9 HHW collections, Nemaha NRD \$26,900 for a brush chipper, and Seward/Saline County Solid Waste Mgt. Agency \$7,972 for a recycling bin trailer.

SEND D MEMBERSHIP FEE DUE DATE — OCTOBER 31, 2012