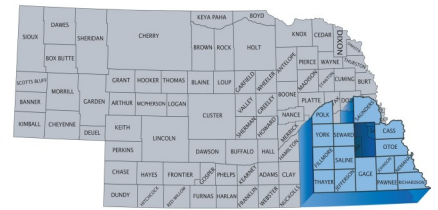


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Southeast Nebraska Development District



SEND D Members wrap up Energy Projects



The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, more commonly known as ARRA or Stimulus funds offered funding opportunities that had not previously existed and will not likely be repeated in the foreseeable future. One of the areas of focus was Energy Efficiency and Conservation. The Nebraska Energy Office through ARRA funding from the Department of Energy offered grants to communities and counties to complete Energy Efficiency projects. Among the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) projects were; lighting replacement or retrofitting (including use of Compact Fluorescent bulbs), LED street and traffic light replacement, window and door replacements, insulation, and HVAC unit replacements.

SEND D assisted in the preparation of 8 EECBG grants for a variety of projects throughout the SEND D district including; Village of Bee, Village of Polk, City of Humboldt, City of Milford, Otoe County, Saline County, Thayer County, and York County. After projects were awarded, many communities and counties recognized the need for grant administration. SEND D

assisted 11 recipients with grant administration including; Nebraska City, Seward, Tecumseh, Humboldt, Wilber, Polk, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Saline County, & York County. These SEND D supported EECBG projects resulted in \$1.3 million in ARRA funds coupled with \$808,000 in local funds.

EECBG Grant Amounts

Village of Polk
\$60,619.19

City of Humboldt
\$126,828.77

Nemaha County
\$137,074.53

Otoe County
\$97,208.74

Nebraska City
\$93,494.40

Pawnee County
\$5,349.97

Saline County
\$252,897.53

City of Seward
\$253,640.55

City of Tecumseh
\$237,281.75

City of Wilber
\$79,448.87

York County
\$141,474.56

Photographed: Nemaha County Courthouse window replacement, Polk Housing Authority storm door replacement, York County courthouse boiler replacement, and Saline County courthouse window replacement.

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SEND, INC –Status of the New Corporation for Revolving Loan Funds

Several years ago, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) authorized the creation of Non-Profit Development Organizations (NDO) in order to assist in the management and lending of Program Income from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) loans for businesses.

The intent of the NDO has been to provide an opportunity to move CDBG-Economic Development Program Income funds with “federal compliance restrictions” to NDO programs where those funds would no longer have federal requirements. Several NDO’s have been created in Nebraska with this intent.

Under the CDBG Program, “grant” funds may be provided to communities and then are loaned to businesses. The businesses that received loans, may then repay the loan amounts back to the NDO, rather than to the community, under approved agreements. Further lending by the

NDO and repayments are then considered local funds and no longer have “federal restrictions.”

Over the last year the SENDD Board of Directors and SENDD staff have been assisting in the development of an appropriate NDO for the 15-county District.

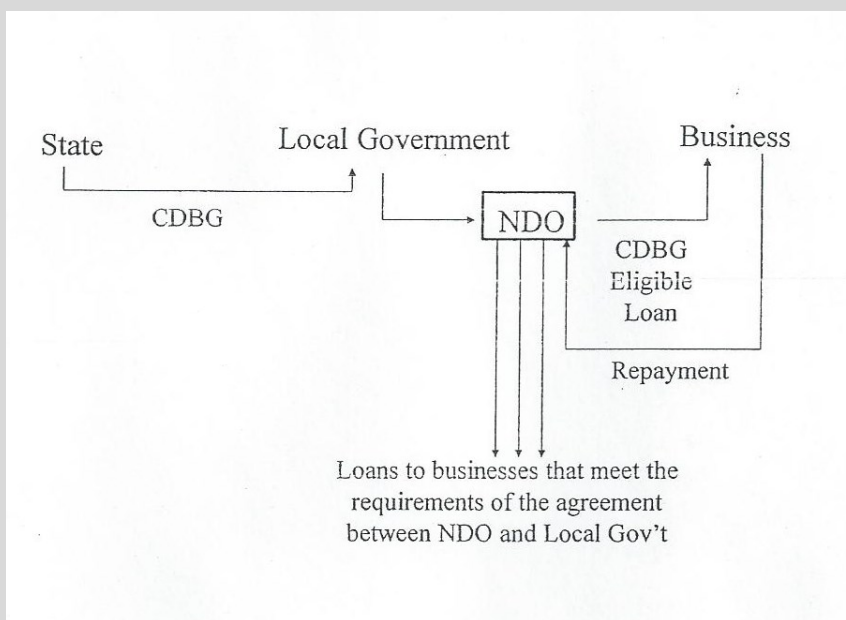
Southeast Nebraska Development, Inc. (SEND, Inc.) has been created for lending and management activities and would also

- Five member Board of Directors approved
- By-laws adopted
- In the process of completing application for 501 (c)(3) status with Internal Revenue Service

The SEND, Inc. Board and SENDD staff are currently in the process of completing an application to the NDED to become a “certified” NDO.

SEND, Inc. anticipates a certification by June 2013.

Between now and then, counties and communities that have CDBG-ED Program Income should continue to review their options concerning their Revolving Loan Funds. As those jurisdictions are aware, rules and guidelines from NDED have been



include the CDBG-Economic Development Program Income reuse process.

Status of SEND, Inc.:

- Articles of Incorporation filed with Nebraska Secretary of State as a not-for-profit corporation

evolving since May of last year. The current NDO discussions focus on new CDBG grant funds, and it is still being clarified on what role a NDO may have with existing CDBG ED revolving loan funds.

Check out our Website www.sendd.org

- ◆ View & download housing applications
- ◆ Find SENDD Board Meetings & upcoming meeting dates
- ◆ Check out project photos
- ◆ Review previous newsletters
- ◆ View Partner Links

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SENDD's Performance Report
The report can be found online at

<http://sendd.org/performance-report-2010-2012/>