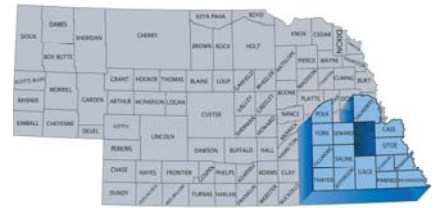


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Southeast Nebraska Development District



The Southeast Nebraska Development District along with the other seven Development Districts need your support for passage of LB318

LB318 has been introduced by Senator John Kuehn of District 38. Development Districts provide services to units of local government for state and federal programs. Professional Staff are regularly attending county, city, and village board meetings to gain firsthand knowledge of community needs as well as a program's effectiveness. They work with numerous state and federal agencies, writing and administering program grants. The proposed legislative bill would provide \$500,000 in funding to create a partnership with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) that would be mutually beneficial for all entities and best meets the needs of Nebraska. It allows everyone to maximize the limited resources of all for a more effective outcome.

To download a support letter template and/or review more information and details regarding LB318, please visit the News Page on the SENDD Website at: <http://sendd.org/news2/>

Please feel free to include project information specific to your community in the highlighted area of the letter. Please send a copy of your support letter to your local Senator, a copy to the SENDD Lincoln Office, as well as one to the Appropriations Committee Chairperson at the address listed below.

Sen. Heath Mello
Appropriations Committee Chairperson
District 05
Room #1004
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The Appropriations Committee Hearing for LB318 is scheduled for March 11, 2015.

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Welcome Mike Champion as SENDD Housing Rehabilitation Specialist

Mike Champion has joined the SENDD team as a Housing Rehabilitation Specialist. Mike lives in Bellevue with his wife, Reni and his son Gage. He previously worked for the city of Bellevue as a Certified Building Inspector. His duties at SENDD will include Housing Inspections and Contractor Management for SENDD Administered Housing Rehabilitation Programs funded with Nebraska Affordable Housing Program Funds. Mike grew up in the construction business as his father was a home builder and contractor who built many custom homes in the Omaha metro area. Mike enjoys outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, camping, trap shooting and sharpshooting. He is a member of the Bellevue Rod and Gun Club where he sat on the Board of Directors multiple times. He has also sat on the Board of Directors for the Mouth of the Platte, a local chapter of the Lewis and Clark Heritage Trail Foundation dedicated to the preservation of the Lewis and Clark Trail and the sharing of its stories. Mike was a past member of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and was a graduate of Leadership Bellevue in 2010. While attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Mike was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity and in the fall of 1982 he sat on the set of the motion picture, "Terms of Endearment" and appears in one scene. If you look hard, you will see him. Mike's wife, Reni (pronounced Ree-nee) is a teacher at Council Bluffs Community Schools and his 13 year old son, Gage, enjoys trap shooting and is a member of the select middle-school basketball team for Bellevue East called the BEAST! People always ask Mike if he really is a "Champion" and he tells them that he was the Pinewood Derby Champion in Boy Scout Pack 411 in 1973 and was the Metro and District pole vault champion in high school in 1982. Mike graduated from Omaha Burke.



SERN Meeting



The Southeast Nebraska Resource Network is planning their next meeting for Thursday, March 12, 2015. The meeting will be held at Southeast Community College in Milford at the Dunlap Building at 600 State Street in Milford, NE. Please RSVP attendance intentions to:

Kathi Schildt

kschildt@youraam.com

Meeting agenda is located on the SENDD website at:

<http://sendd.org/sern-quadrants/>



MINK Meeting



The next meeting of the MINK Missouri River Corridor, Inc. group is scheduled for March 20 at the Pony express Museum, St. Joseph, MO. The museum is located at 914 Penn Street. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and a tour of the museum. Please RSVP (email or phone) by March 16 for a lunch count to:

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Section 3 Requirements

What is Section 3? Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968 that helps foster local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency. The Section 3 program requires that recipients of certain HUD financial assistance, to the greatest extent feasible, provide job training, employment, and contracting opportunities for low- or very-low income residents in connection with projects and activities in their neighborhoods.

SENDD has developed public notice templates to advertise Section 3 rights to low income and very low income residents and businesses. SENDD communities that are recipients of HUD Funds (CDBG/HOME) should contact your CDBG Grant Administrator to receive directions on efforts to comply with Section 3 requirements.

Plan ahead for Fair Housing Month in April

The Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) will commemorate the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the fight to provide equal access to housing for all through the celebration of **National Fair Housing Month in April**. Communities that have

received CDBG, NAHTF and/or HOME funds from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development have specific activities they have committed to do to affirmatively further fair housing. To conduct a fair housing activity during the month of April, Contact a SENDD CDBG Certified Administrator for a list of appropriate Fair Housing Activities.

