



Good Grants Guidance Funding Resources

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SOUTH DAKOTA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



BUSH
FOUNDATION



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Grantmaking Director





We work to inspire and support creative problem solving—within and across sectors—to make our region better for everyone.

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We invest in great ideas and the people who power them.



Community Innovation

Ideas

Community Innovation

Develop, test, and spread great ideas with potential for transformational impact

APPLICATION STATUS: Open year-round

SUPPORT AMOUNT: Flex funding options with no caps on amounts or duration of funding

This is our largest and most flexible program that aims to have a big and lasting impact in the region. We fund the most promising ideas, across issue areas, that have the potential to make our region better for everyone. We typically offer multi-year funding of significant amounts, which also means we give a small number of grants each year. Before applying for a grant, we strongly encourage you to contact us so we can learn about your idea and help answer questions.

[Learn more about Community Innovation grants & PRIs](#) →



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TOURISM ALLIANCE



Bush Fellowship

People

Bush Fellowship

Investing in leaders—flexible support for growth and learning

APPLICATION STATUS: Closed until 2026

SUPPORT AMOUNT: Up to \$150,000

The Bush Fellowship is an investment in people and their capacity to do more good for the region — and it's super flexible. Fellows receive \$150,000 to grow their capacity, knowledge and network to lead. Bush Fellows are committed to leading equitably to create large-scale change.

[Learn more about Bush Fellowship program](#) →



Ecosystem

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Ecosystem Grants

Supporting organizations that help problem solvers succeed



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APPLICATION STATUS: Applications open in 2027

SUPPORT AMOUNT: Up to \$150,000 annually or 25% of an organization's expenses

There are scores of organizations that support problem solvers throughout the region. These are the organizations that people tell us are valued for the resources and help they provide. We support their capacity to help others and create the conditions, or ecosystem, for more organizations and leaders to find creative solutions to tough problems.

[Learn more about Ecosystem grants](#) →



Inspiring – Bush Prize

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[Bush Prize – South Dakota](#) and [Bush Prize – Native Nations](#)

Recognizing and supporting organizations with extraordinary impact

Bush Prize

The Bush Prize celebrates organizations that are highly valued within their communities and have a track record of successful community problem solving.



Contact hub options

Email us
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Schedule a brief call with us
via Calendly 

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USDA Rural Development
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Community Programs 4/21/2026



- ✓ **Health Care/Hospitals**
- ✓ **Fire & Rescue**
- ✓ **Town Halls**
- ✓ **Adult & Childcare Centers**
- ✓ **Assisted Living**
- ✓ **Schools**
- ✓ **Libraries**
- ✓ **Public Buildings**



Who may apply?

- Public bodies
- Nonprofit organizations
- Federally recognized tribes

Eligibility for Assistance

- Population up to 20,000
- Direct loans



USDA Rural Development – South Dakota

Grant Considerations

- Median Household Income of those being served.
- Subject to Agency Funding Level / Grant funds sparse this year.
- Subject to Agency Loan / Grant determination process.
- Applicant Available Resources / Financial Standings
- Targeted Funds / Persistent Poverty Counties

Community Facility Loans and Grants

Interest rate: This quarter is **4.625%**

Term: Equipment up to 15 years or useful life and real estate up to 35 years.

Grant Maximum: A percentage (15% - 75%) of the project. Not to exceed \$50,000 per project

Deadline: Accept applications year around but allocation commonly comes at the beginning of the Fiscal Year.

Feasibility studies and appraisal requirements



Rural Development Community Programs Contact

Community Facilities

RD.SD.CP@USDA.gov

605-352-1100

Contact the general email and phone number to be put in contact with local team member.

Community Programs Staff

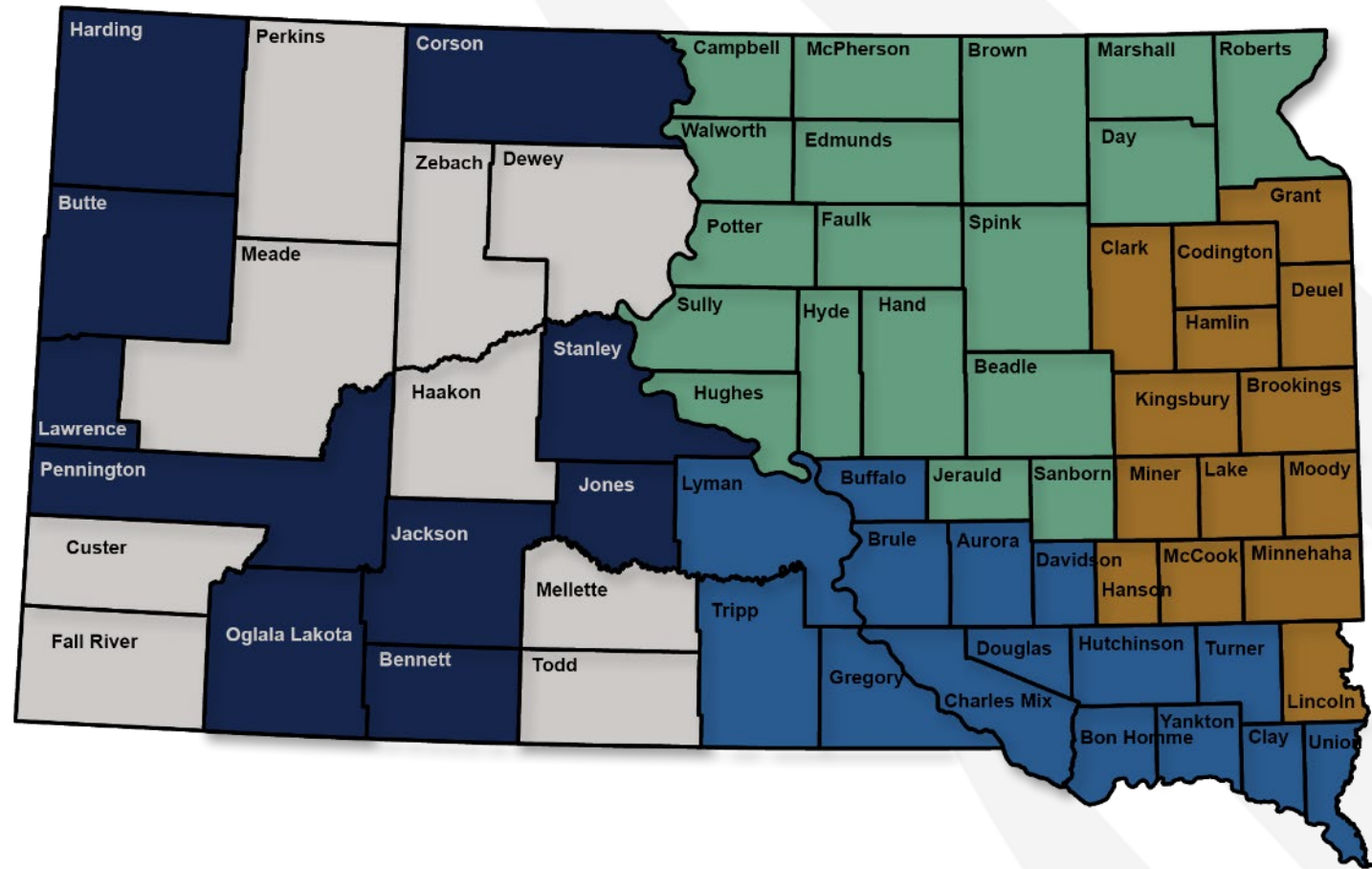
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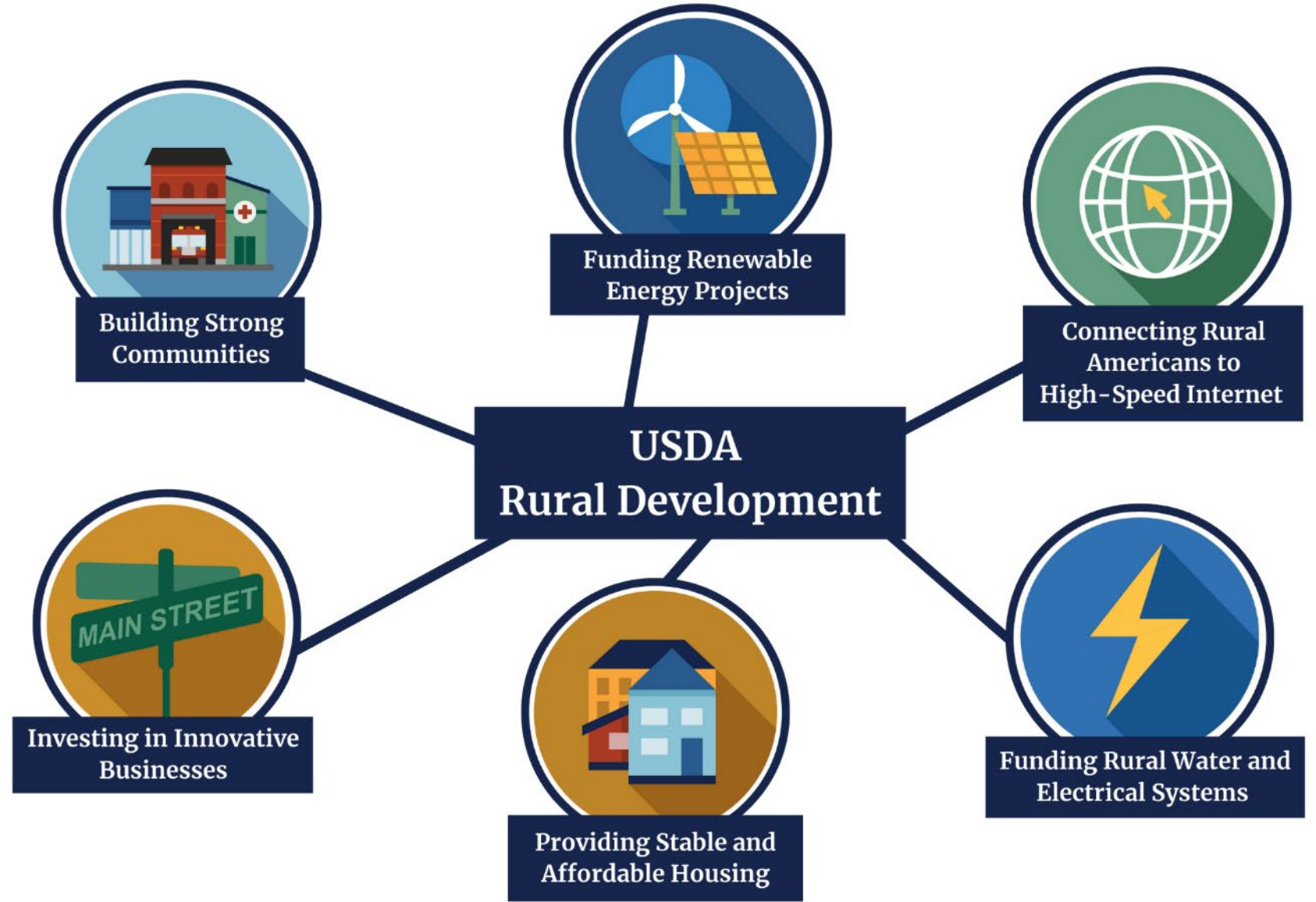
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USDA Rural Development

Together, America
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Our programs help rural people thrive and when rural people thrive, America thrives.



Questions?



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Grantee Convening, April 21, 2026

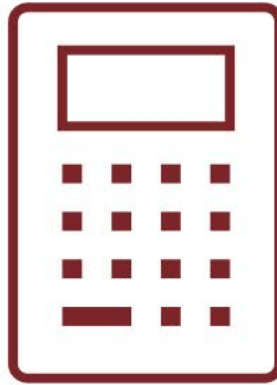
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Searching for Funding Opportunities

Brenda Standiford, SD State Library
<https://library.sd.gov>

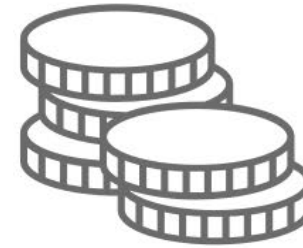
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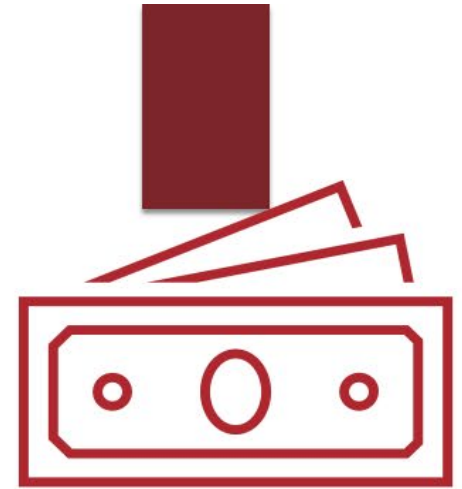
Federal & State
Funding Agencies



National
Organizations



For-Profit Corp
Foundations



Internal Awards



Foundations &
Nonprofits Big and
Small

Searching for Grants



GRANTS.GOV – SINGLE SOURCE TO SEARCH ALL 26
FEDERAL GRANT MAKING AGENCIES

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS – ABERDEEN, BLACK
HILLS, WATERTOWN, ETC

LOCAL CORPORATE FOUNDATIONS LARSON,
WELLMARK, WALMART

SOUTH DAKOTA PLANNING DISTRICTS

STATE GRANTS – HISTORIC PRESERVATION, COMMUNITY
DEV BLOCK GRANTS, DEPT OF HEALTH

PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS – GATES, FORD, COCA-COLA

SUBSCRIBE TO NEWSLETTERS LIKE GRANTSTATION INSIDER,
BOOKMARK WEBSITES AND CHECK THEM FOR NEW
OPPORTUNITIES.

Training and General Information

Candid.org – nonprofit information and training materials

The Grantsmanship Center - training and general information

Grantstation – sign up for their weekly newsletter

Grants, Funding and Grant Writing - general information

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Finding Nonprofit and Foundation Information

[Foundation Directory Quick Start](#)

Get information on every U.S. Foundation

[Guidestar.org](#)

Provided through Candid.org. Database and information service that provides detailed information on U.S. nonprofit organizations.

[IRS Exempt Organization Search](#)

Allows you to search for an organization's tax-exempt status and filings in several databases

SD State Library Resources

Information and links are provided as resources only. SDSL does not endorse or recommend any particular resource shared or linked.

- ▶ Training materials from [Candid.org](https://www.candid.org)
 - ▶ Many free templates and live/recorded webinars
- ▶ “Resource Links” document. This document, compiled by SDSL staff, contains links to different funders* in SD and beyond as well as demographic links that are useful for data gathering.
 - *not a comprehensive list of funders
- ▶ State Library Electronic Resources/Database List
 - ▶ Available free to all South Dakota citizens
 - ▶ Searching databases for grants or foundations can be helpful for information gathering



Thank you!

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