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PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced today that the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved more than \$8.8 million in grants and loans for water and waste projects. The board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.

The \$8,832,000 total includes \$1.364 million in grants and \$7.468 million in low-interest loans, with \$3 million of the loan total in principal forgiveness.

“I am pleased to announce that this money is available to assist local communities,” said Gov. Daugaard. “Grant and loan funds will result in better drinking water, improved wastewater treatment and enhanced protection of the environment.”

The grants and loans awarded by the board are administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Grants were awarded to:

- **Brown County**, \$120,000 for Crow Creek control structure replacement

Loans were awarded to:

- **Bison**, \$419,000 for wastewater treatment and sanitary sewer improvements
- **Freeman**, \$1,536,000 for wastewater treatment facility improvements
- **Hoven**, \$656,000 for Highway 47 sanitary sewer improvements
- **Refuse Solutions, Inc.**, \$70,000 for a recycling program
- **Westport**, \$100,000 for water meter improvements

Grant and loan packages were awarded to:

- **Andover**, \$305,000 for wastewater system improvements that includes a \$244,000 grant and a \$61,000 loan
- **Rapid City**, \$5.626 million for East Rapid City water system expansion, that includes a \$1 million grant and a \$4.626 million loan with \$3 million in principal forgiveness

The grants, loans and principal forgiveness were awarded from DENR’s Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program and Solid Waste

Management Program.

The Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program provides grants and loans for water, wastewater and watershed projects statewide. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program provides low-interest loans for wastewater and storm water projects. The Solid Waste Management Program provides grants and loans for solid waste disposal, recycling and waste tire projects.

The Legislature annually appropriates dedicated water and waste funding for the Consolidated and Solid Waste programs through the Governor's Water and Environment Funding Bill.

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