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## DANR Announces a \$1,823,000 Funding Package for City of Crooks Wastewater Improvements

PIERRE, S.D. – Today, the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) announced the Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$1,823,000 funding package for Crooks to make wastewater improvements.

The funding package includes a \$1,173,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan and a \$650,000 Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant for wastewater improvements.

The loan will be administered through the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Loan terms are 2.125 percent for 30 years.

Crooks plans to construct two new lift stations to replace an existing lift station that experiences surcharges during wet weather events. The project will also involve installing approximately 5,000 feet of force main and gravity sewer. These improvements will ensure Crooks can continue to provide adequate service for expected growth.

The funding package will cover the estimated cost of the project.

The Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, funded in part by revenues from the Petroleum Release Compensation Tank Inspection fee and the sale of lotto tickets, provides grants and loans for water, wastewater, and watershed projects.

The State of South Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fund the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for wastewater, storm water, water conservation, and nonpoint source projects.

The board met today in Pierre.

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