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DANR Announces a \$1,175,000 Loan for City of Mitchell Drinking Water 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 \$1,175,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan for Mitchell's drinking water improvements.

The loan will be administered through the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Loan terms are 1.875 percent for 30 years.

Mitchell plans to make improvements to its West Water Tower to extend the lifespan of the tower. These improvements include cleaning and recoating the tower's exterior surfaces, repairing interior coatings, installing a tank mixing system to improve water quality, and replacing valves and the valve vault to improve operation of the water distribution system. These improvements will prolong the life of the tower and ensure residents have access to safe and reliable drinking water.

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

The State of South Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fund the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects.

The board met today in Pierre.

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