



## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD GRANTS FACT SHEET**

#### **WHAT**

The Department of Transportation Community Access Program is a means for small towns to pave or reconstruct important local roads such as their Main Street, the road to the elevator or schools, etc.

- Grant amount is a maximum of \$600,000.
- State reimburses local sponsor for 80% of construction costs.
- The community is responsible for all right-of-way acquisitions, utility costs, and design and construction engineering costs.
- The community is responsible to let the project to bid.

#### **WHO**

Town must be less than 5,000 in population in order to be eligible for these grant funds. The application must be submitted by a local government. Applications are ranked by the Office of Local Government Assistance. The rankings are based on a variety of factors including existing road condition, average daily traffic and truck traffic, location, if the project is to be combined with an infrastructure project such as water/sewer/storm and has other infrastructure funding available such as Community Development Block Grant, State Revolving Loan Fund or Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Fund, the impact on businesses, etc.

#### **WHEN**

Grant application notices are sent out in the spring of each year. Applications are due to the Department by July 15. In the fall of each year the Transportation Commission receives a list of ranked application for approval.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

Applications are available through the Office of Local Government Assistance in the Department of Transportation. For a copy of the policy and application forms call (605) 773-6253, or check out our website at [dot.sd.gov](http://dot.sd.gov) under "Forms".