

What's Developing

There are many opportunities available to a wide variety of individuals, groups, and organizations. One of the places that they are made known is to Economic Development offices across the state. The help that is available is usually in the form of information, although training and monetary help are sometimes also offered.

Here are some of the recent ones:

- A summer entrepreneurship camp for high school students at Northern State University July 21-23. This is open to juniors and seniors.
- Internship in several occupations through the Dakota Seeds Program. This is available to high school and college students for learning on the job while the businesses receive some grant help.
- SD MarketPlace on the NSU campus on March 26 for small businesses and communities. This is an annual event geared to assisting small businesses through speakers and informational booths.
- Loan specials for businesses. Currently GROW South Dakota has up to \$20,000 at 3% interest for qualified borrowers.
- Information on Farmer's Markets – this is a rapidly growing industry seen in many small (and large) communities. Information as well as \$1,000 in the form of a grant is available through the US. Dept. of Ag.
- Dakota Roots is a South Dakota program that businesses use for workforce development.
- Veteran's Home Loans: Specifically assisting Veterans. Down Payment Assistance, Home Improvement Loans and Home Purchase Loans.
- Homeowner Improvement Loans: Forgivable and low cost loans available to help with improvements such as: shingles, siding, plumbing, energy efficiencies, etc.
- Homeownership Education Classes: Learn the ins and outs of purchasing a home. Topics include: shopping for a home, money management, understanding credit, protecting your investment and more.
- Housing Loan Pre-Qualification: Review your readiness to purchase a home; including your income, debts and credit. GROW South Dakota has home financing available or packages loans on behalf of USDA Rural Development.
- 2014 Paint South Dakota: Twenty-five communities and deserving homes will have the opportunity to paint one house with support from SD Housing Development Authority.
- Online Marketing will be taught by SCORE in June. This assists businesses to sell their products in an additional way besides their physical location.

For details on any of these programs contact the Eureka Community Development Company office in the Information Center.

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