Medford Celebrates 150 Years of the Chisholm Trail

The City of Medford and the surrounding area gathered on a sunny, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 13, 2017 to celebrate 150 years of the Chisholm Trail. The event kicked off with a cattle drive showcasing long horned steers. The downtown area was blocked off for all to enjoy vendor booths, food and activity tables for young and old. The afternoon was a buzz and Dea Mandeivil, Medford City Manager, was thrilled with the turn out. “This event took a few years to coordinate with the tristate area of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas,” says Mandeivil. “The Chisholm Trail 150 Committee reached out to all cities/towns along the historic Chisholm Trail route and encouraged them to hold an event.” The City of Medford then worked with the O-K Chisholm Trail Cattle Drovers Assoc. to time their event with the date the cattle would be driven through the area. Thank you Medford for celebrating a piece of the Oklahoma’s history!
Operational Fund Presentation

Operational fund check presentations were made to area fire departments. Operational funds are provided by Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Division as a direct pass through from the Oklahoma state legislators. A total of 855 certified departments in Oklahoma each received a check in the amount of $3,844.20.

Photo L to R: Ken Stoops-ISO Field Representative; Jonathan Cross-NODA Executive Director; Senator Darcy Jech; Cecil Michael-NODA Rural Fire Coordinator; Loyal Fire Chief Richard Meyers; Representative Mike Sanders; Big 4 Fire Chief Billy Grey; Piedmont Fire Tyler Moffat; Hennessey Fire Chief Bert Gritz; Melvin Mashburn-GGEDA Rural Fire Coordinator; Tom McNally-Retired Rural Fire Coordinator; Okarche Fire Chief Steve Liebel; Omega Fire Chief Kris Eaton; Ryan Gibson-Kingfisher Fire Department; Mark Gardner-SWODA Rural Fire Coordinator.

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Are You Prepared for CDBG Grants?

The Community Development Block Grant applications are typically available in January of each year. There are several application criteria to complete if you are planning to apply in 2018. Here are a few items to consider completing now that we feel can speed up the application process when the season starts:

- Is your DUNS # for your city/town/county? It cannot be for your PWA or FD.
- Have you registered your city/town/county with SAM.gov? Must be registered in order to receive federal funding.
- Is your income survey current? Must be within the 5-year range identified in each application.

We are here to help you find your status in these categories as well as help you complete these tasks. Contact Jennifer Firdgard at 580-237-4810 or jennifer@nodanet.org.
Upcoming Transportation Alternatives Program & Safe Routes to School Funding

Anticipated Application Release Dates:
- January 2018 – Safe Routes to School (ALL POPULATION SIZES)
- January 2018 – Transportation Alternatives Program (0-5,000 Pop.)

What is the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)?
Funding for TAP is designated for projects like sidewalks, pedestrian and bicycle trails, streetscapes, safe routes to school, and environmental or historical preservation projects related to transportation.

How are TAP projects funded?
Federal funds provide up to 80% of the total cost of the projects, while the applicants must provide at least 20%. The federal funds cap for each project will be $700,000. For 2018, eligible applicants include cities/towns (0-5,000 population), which may include counties and other local government agencies, schools, tribal governments, regional transportation or public transit agencies and natural resource or public land agencies.

What is Safe Routes to School (SRTS)?
Funding for SRTS is designated for projects that make walking and biking to school a safe and routine activity. Projects may include: sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bicycle parking facilities, and traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools. Improvements must be made within a 2-mile radius of an elementary school. After 2018, Safe Routes to School projects will only be funded as part of TAP.

How are SRTS projects funded?
Federal funds provide up to 80% of the design and 100% of the construction cost of the project. The federal funds cap for each project will be approximately $400,000. Eligible applicants include schools, community based groups, or a partnership between the schools and local governments.

Contact Payton Herron: 580-237-4810 or payton@nodanet.org for more info.

Total Eclipse in the Heartland

NODA Staff taking a break from their daily duties to enjoying the near total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017.
Our state was able to experience 89% coverage that peaked at 1:05pm.
Rep. Carl Newton Presents Title to Cherokee FD

Oklahoma Representative Carl Newton presented the Cherokee Fire Department the title to a beautiful pumper truck. With the help from the NODA Rural Fire Defense Program, Cherokee FD renovated a Sterling over-the-road tractor and added a 3,000 gallon ED Etnyre skid unit with pump and motor. The program is funded and administered by the OK Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Division. Rural Fire Defense Coordinators are awarded equipment and title is passed once the equipment has been successfully converted to a functioning firefighting apparatus. This new addition to Cherokee FD’s fleet strengthens their ability to protect the citizens in their area.

REAP Grant Application Deadline

The Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant applications are now available. The application cycle started Sept. 1st with a deadline of Tuesday, Oct. 31st at 4:30 pm.

You can request a REAP application by contacting Jennifer Firgard: 580-237-4810 or jennifer@nodanet.org

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