FY2018 REAP Grant Awards Announced

At the end of October 2017 NODA received 36 applications from cities, towns and counties in our eight county region. For the first round of awards, we are happy to announce the following awardees:

- Drummond, Lagoons
- Geary, Gas Lines
- Grant Co. Dist. 2, Roads
- Kaw City, Business Center
- Kingfisher, Ambulance Equip.
- Kingfisher Co RWD3, Water Well
- Meno, SCBA Bottle Fill Station
- Nash, Streets
- North Enid, Streets
- Okarche, Sewer Lines
- Okeene, Automated Utilities
- Perry, WWTP Sludge Removal
- Wakita, Gas Regulator Station
- Kildare FD/Kay Co., New Fire Station

Three additional awards may be made mid-Summer 2018.

The REAP Grant Program provides funding for cities, towns and counties to develop, repair and maintain projects to improve their economic viability. Funds are provided by the Oklahoma State Legislature.

Our Members Are Worth Melting For

One of the real joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to say Thank You!

And to wish you a Merry Christmas and the very best for the New Year.

NODAnet Provides System Upgrades

The NODAnet division of NODA has been busy this quarter upgrading our system to better serve our clients. This upgrade consists of changing out old dishes to a stronger frequency dish. Doing this will provide better consistency and stability in service to our customers.

Need an internet provider? Contact NODAnet at 580.237.2205
3rd Annual Bedlam Chili Cook Off

On Nov. 3rd NODA, CST and CED#8 staff gathered for a bedlam battle of chefs. Chili representing both OU and OSU tantalized our taste buds with Dustin Thoendel from OK Dept. of Transportation clearing the way and awarding the victory to OSU via Vicki Eggers’ Veggie-Strong Chili. OU may be the Big 12 Champs, but chili connoisseurs they are not.

[Image of two people holding trophies]

VICKI’S VEGGIE-STRONG CHILI
1.5 lbs. hamburger
Red/orange/green bell peppers, chopped
Jalapenos, finely minced
Black beans, w/jalapenos & lime
Fire roasted tomatoes
Beef broth
Gluten free double dark beer
Smoked green chilies, powdered
Cumin
Cocoa powder
Garlic powder
Onion powder
Onion flakes
Paprika
Oregano
Salt & Pepper

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OEDA Joins Forces with NODA on NORTPO Program

Oklahoma Economic Development Authority (OEDA), NODA’s counterpart in northwest Oklahoma and the panhandle, joined NORTPO in September and brings eight additional counties into the regional transportation program. OEDA staff is working with NODA staff on the development of the regional plan with their insight, and the connections and cooperation of their counties. The NORTPO region now consists of: Alfalfa, Beaver, Blaine, Cimarron, Dewey, Ellis, Garfield, Grant, Harper, Kay, Kingfisher, Major, Noble, Texas, Woods, and Woodward Counties.

NODA and OEDA staff are excited about this collaboration and agree this program will bring benefits to both agencies and the counties we proudly serve.

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NODA Staff Hard at Work

NODA Director, Jonathon Cross and IT employee TJ Chattam show they do more than just push paper in the office. Thank you for preparing the pad for our generator that will support our server. We couldn’t have done this without your hard work!
Grant Now Available

The Road to Zero Coalition’s 2018 Safe System Innovation Grants cycle is now open until the end of January. The focus of the Road to Zero Grant Program is to support the implementation of innovative evidence-based highway safety countermeasures. For more information, contact our Regional Transportation Coordinator Payton Herron: payton@nodanet.org

Update on TAP Grant Application Period

NORTPO received an update from Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) in early December about a possible change in the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) application timeframes. In part: “At this time the Transportation Alternatives Program is scheduled to launch sometime in January 2018. This potential launch date may be moved to allow the Local Government Division ample time to finish developing a new web-based application, a statewide scoring criteria for the all three TAP population categories, and to better align TAP with the potential TSET incentive grants.”

As soon as we receive notification of the actual dates we will post the information on the NORTPO and NODA websites: nortpo.org and nodanet.org. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Payton Herron here at NODA (580-237-4810 or payton@nodanet.org).

Comprehensive Planning

Comprehensive planning is a process that determines community goals and aspirations in terms of community development. The outcome of comprehensive planning is the Comprehensive Plan which dictates public policy in terms of transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, and housing. Contact Susmita Som, susmita@nodanet.org, for more information.
January '18 Grant Season Opener for CDBG

The FY18 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application season is fast approaching. Our staff is ready to help your community apply for CDBG funding at no cost. That is just one benefit of being a NODA member.

CDBG makes it possible for communities to finance a variety of public infrastructure and economic improvements, thus improving the lives of your residents. The FY18 CDBG application cycle will open in mid to late January. Anticipated application due dates are:

- Community Revitalization: late March
- Water/Wastewater Engineering and Construction: early May
- Capital Improvements Plan (CIP): early July

Are you prepared for CDBG Grants? 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 Utilities Dept. or your Fire Dept.
- Have you registered your city/town/county with SAM.gov? Must be registered in order to receive federal funding.

If you have a project and you would like to apply for CDBG funds, please contact Jennifer Firgard at 580.237.4810 or jennifer@nodanet.org.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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