REAP APPLICATION DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

The REAP application cycle opened on September 1 and completed applications are due by 4:30pm on Wednesday, October 31.

Eligible applicants are communities with less than 7,000 in population. As in the past, leverage (or matching funds) is not a requirement to apply for REAP funds, but it does help with scoring. Communities who still have an open REAP grant on Oct. 31 are not eligible to apply. This allows the funds to be expended in a timely manner, which shows legislators this program IS needed.

Eligible REAP projects, funded by Oklahoma state legislature, include:
- Rural water quality projects, including acquisition, treatment, distribution, and recovery of water for consumption by humans or animals or both;
- Rural solid waste disposal, treatment, or similar projects;
- Rural sanitary sewer construction or improvement projects;
- Rural road or street construction or improvement projects;
- Provision of health care services, including emergency medical care, in rural areas;
- Provision of rural fire protection services;
- Construction or improvement of telecommunication facilities or systems;
- Improvement of municipal energy distribution systems; and
- Expenditures designed to increase the employment level within the jurisdiction of NODA.

For more information about how to apply for a REAP grant please contact Jennifer Firgard at jennifer@nodanet.org or 580-237-4810.

REAP GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2018 @ 4:30 PM
NODA OFFICE (2901 N Van Buren – Enid, OK 73703)

Are you Registered?

The SAM.gov registration is vitally important to have and maintain if you plan on applying for federal funding through grants.

With the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications becoming available in January 2019, do you know the status of your registration?

Our staff is ready to help you look into your SAM.gov registration.

Contact Jennifer Firgard at 580-237-4810 or jennifer@nodanet.org for assistance.

Do you have the STRENGTH to apply?
Fairmont Park Fundraising Enjoys a Night Out with Elvis

A fun evening of music, food and entertainment occurred on Saturday evening, August 11, during the annual Concert in the Park at Fairmont’s Town Park. The Night of Rock & Roll featured national entertainers Marshall Matthews (as Neil Diamond and Elvis) and Brian Lee Dunning (performing various rockabilly artists’ tunes). Appetites were satisfied with food trucks and homemade baked goods. All proceeds will benefit park improvements in Fairmont.
Legislative Priorities

The Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils (OARC) consists of members from all eleven Councils of Governments (COG) and their mission is to advance regional issues and to advocate for the COGs to the public and private sectors. The Legislative Agenda for OARC and NODA is to increase funding for several of our programs. We are asking the next legislative session to restore our program funding back to what it was after several years of budget cuts. This includes the following:

- Increase Substate funds to $50,000 per COG
- Increase REAP funding from $11 Million to $20 Million
- Increase REAP population cap from 7,000 to 15,000
- Provide a full share of REAP funding to ACOG and INCOG
- Increase the Rural Fire Program to $1 Million ($90,000 - 100,000 per COG)
- Increase the Rural Fire 80/20 Grant to $1.1 Million
- Increase the Rural Fire Operational Grant to $5,000 per Fire Department

Our legislature did increase FY19 REAP funding by $1 Million. We greatly appreciate that and feel more increases need to happen. Your support over these agenda items is critical to our success. Please consider, and urge your staff and board members, to contact your legislators to let them know how important these programs are to your rural community.

To find our who your legislators are go to: http://www.oklegislature.gov/FindMyLegislature.aspx

New Christmas Venue to Experience at Enid’s Holiday Celebration

Everett Glenn from the City of Enid shared with NODA at the Board of Trustees meeting on Sept. 27 that a new activity is coming to Enid’s Christmas celebration this year. After the Enid Lights Up the Plains on November 23, 2018 (5-7:30pm), bring your family and friends to Meadow Lake Park to experience the Christmas Village. From 6-9pm children of all ages can enjoy arts and crafts, entertainment, rides, Christmas lights, writing letters to Santa, snacks and ciders and a visit from Santa!

Mark your Calendar!

This will be a time to remember
OK Cities & Towns Gather for 104th OML Annual Conference

Nearly five hundred (500) municipal officials from across the state attended the 2018 Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) annual conference and exposition in Oklahoma City, September 11-13. Staff from NODA, SWODA and EODD volunteered to man the OARC booth to connect city and town officials with their COG representatives. We enjoyed spending time with all booth visitors. Thank you all for allowing us to be a part of your community! We’ll see you in Tulsa at the 2019 Conference.