NODA Announces 18 Awardees in FY19 REAP Grant Program

With the spirit of giving in the air this holiday season, NODA announces the 18 awardees receiving the FY19 REAP grant. Thirty-five applications were received and reviewed by the REAP committee. All 18 contracts were issued in December. We are happy to award a REAP grant to the following:

- Ames, Streets
- Breckinridge, Sewer Line
- Carmen, New Water Well
- Covington, Sewer Lines
- Drummond, Sewer Lagoon
- Fairmont, Sewer Lines
- Fairview, Golf Club House
- Geary, Gas Lines
- Golfry, Water Lines
- Lahoma, Water Tower Rehab
- Medford, Lagoon Irrigation
- Meno, Generators
- Newkirk, Storm Sirens
- Pond Creek, Water Lines
- Ringwood, Fire Hydrants
- River Road FD, Fire Tanker/Attach.
- Tonkawa, AMR Water Meters

NODA Employee Reaches 20-Year Mark

Susmita Som is entering her 20th year here at NODA. First arriving with us in November 1998, Susmita started working with comprehensive planning and capital improvement planning (CIP). With her degree in Urban and Regional Planning, she has been able to assist many of NODA's communities with mapping (including GPS points), long range planning, inventory, surveys, land use planning and more. Susmita is known for hard work and dedication. "She has great passion for what she does and it shows in the quality plans/maps she provides," says Max Hess (Grant Co Comm.) and Marci Hyde (Town of Burlington). Jonathon Cross, (Executive Director) appreciates her loyalty and dedication and knows that "when Susmita is doing a plan, it will be done well and done right."

Thank you Susmita for all you do!

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.
January '19 Grant Season Opener for CDBG

The FY19 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 FY19 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 2019 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. Have you done the annual update yet?

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.

Art Works Grant Program Now Accepting Application

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is accepting applications now through February 14, 2019 for its Art Works Grant Program. Projects may be large or small, existing or new, and may take place in any part of the nation’s 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Territories. NEA encourages applications for artistically excellent projects that address any of the following activities: Honor the 2020 centennial of women’s voting rights in the United States; Engage with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic or Latino organizations, or the Native American, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian arts; Celebrate America’s creativity and cultural heritage; invite a dialogue that fosters a mutual respect for the diverse beliefs and values of all persons and groups; Enrich our humanity by broadening our understanding of ourselves as individuals and as a society. Matching grants generally will range from $10,000 to $100,000. Go to https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works/grant-program-description for more information.

Special Initiative for Libraries

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has launched a new special initiative, Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries (APP), and is accepting grant applications through February 25, 2019. This funding opportunity is designed to strengthen the ability of small and rural libraries, archives, and related organizations to serve their communities. Award sizes range from $10,000 to $50,000. Learn more at https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/accelerating-promise-practices-small-libraries .
Legislative Luncheon Held for New Appointees

On December 6, 2018, NODA held a luncheon and invited all our state representatives and senators to attend and learn about the programs we offer to our eight county region. We also took time to thank them for their support of our programs over the years and introduced them to some of the legislative agenda items we will present to them in session that will help increase funding in some of the programs offered by all 11 COGs (council of governments).

NODA Hosts CIC Training

NODA and other cities/towns in our eight county region use a computer system called CIC (Computer Information Concepts). This program handles financial dealings (AR, AP, Payroll, etc.) and can be used for utility bills, invoicing, etc. On October 24, 2018, NODA was the hub for the training to take place. Those in attendance were from the City of Kaw City, Town of Dover, Town of Billings and the Town of Hennessey.
2018 NADO Annual Training Conference

On October 13 to 16, 2018 NODA employees Vicki Eggers, Economic Development Director and Michelle Emmerson, Finance Director, attended the NADO Annual Training Conference held in Charlotte, North Carolina. NADO is the National Association of Development Organizations and provides advocacy, education, research and training for the nation’s regional development organizations. They promote regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life across America’s local communities. Training topics ranged from being a better board member and drinking water systems to brownfields redevelopment and better planning techniques.