



## WHAT

The Department of Transportation Community Access Program is a means for small towns to pave or reconstruct important local roads such as their Main Street, the road to the elevator or schools, etc.

- Grant amount is a maximum of \$600,000.
- State reimburses local sponsor for 80% of construction costs.
- The community is responsible for all right-of-way acquisitions, utility costs, and design and construction engineering costs.
- The community is responsible to let the project to bid.

## WHO

Town must be **less than 5,000** in population in order to be eligible for these grant funds. The application must be submitted by a **local government**. Applications are ranked by the Office of Local Government Assistance. The rankings are based on a variety of factors including existing road condition, average daily traffic and truck traffic, location, if the project is to be combined with an infrastructure project such as water/sewer/storm and has other infrastructure funding available such as Community Development Block Grant, State Revolving Loan Fund or Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Fund, the impact on businesses, etc.

## WHEN

Grant application notices are sent out in the **spring** of each year. Applications are due to the Department by **July 15**. In the fall of each year, the Transportation Commission receives a list of ranked applications for approval.

## APPLICATIONS

Applications are available through the Office of Local Government Assistance in the Department of Transportation. For a copy of the policy and application forms, call **605-773-6253**, or check out our website at <https://dot.sd.gov/> under **“Forms & Publications.”**