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Re: West Nile Prevention Funding Opportunity

Dear South Dakota Community and Tribal Leaders:

With mosquito season just around the corner, the Department of Health is pleased to announce the availability of West Nile virus (WNV) prevention grants once again. \$500,000 is available in 2022 to assist cities, counties, and tribes with their mosquito control efforts. Grant awards will range from approximately \$500 to \$20,000 depending upon the size of the population served and their historical number of human WNV cases. Since the program's inception, the state has funded millions of dollars in support of local control programs to combat West Nile Virus in South Dakota.

As you know, human West Nile Virus continues to present a very significant threat to public health in South Dakota. Since WNV first emerged on South Dakota in 2001, there has been 2,671 human cases and 47 deaths due to mosquito borne WNV.

To apply for the WNV Prevention grants, eligible South Dakota city, county, and tribal officials need to complete the application available on the department's website at: <http://westnile.sd.gov>. **Applications are due by June 1st** and funding awards will be available starting July 1st. If you have any questions about this funding opportunity, please don't hesitate to contact us at Julie.Ramsey@state.sd.us or by phone at 605-773-8107.

Thanks for all your efforts to control mosquitoes and prevent West Nile virus.

Sincerely,

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