

BASEC's History

The Beadle and Spink Enterprise Community (BASEC) is a private, non-profit economic development corporation and is governed by a nine member volunteer Board of Directors.

BASEC was designated in 1994 on the federal level as an "Enterprise Community". The "Enterprise Community Initiative" is a program designed to help distressed areas improve themselves. The initiative encourages leadership at all levels in the community.

The initial grant funds that accompanied this designation were provided by the United States Department of Agriculture. The Northeast South Dakota Community Action Program (NESDCAP) submitted the grant application on behalf of BASEC.

BASEC programs and funds encompass areas of housing, education, business, agriculture, health, rural development and community leadership.

BASEC's Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

Healthy, vital communities with the capacity to produce results they care about

Mission

Promote and support community improvement efforts

Values

Economic self-reliance
Community involvement
Cooperation and partnerships

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Rural Development Programs



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Purpose and Guidelines

BASEC will utilize a range of programs and initiatives to promote and support rural development in the BASEC area. Some of these activities will involve making loans. Others will be limited to assisting in mobilizing program resources.

Loan Guidelines

- ◆ An applicant may not have more than one other outstanding BASEC loan.
- ◆ Maximum loan amount from BASEC is \$150,000 at 5% interest. The terms of the note will be negotiable depending on the project.
- ◆ Applicants may live outside the BASEC area but the project must be located within the BASEC boundaries.

Exception: Funding will be considered if the rural development project serves the majority of BASEC residents.

BASEC's Rural Development Program is a fairly broad category from which many different community type projects can qualify.

◆ Tourism / Recreation Projects



BASEC will support studies and business development efforts relating to the creation of tourism/recreation ventures in the BASEC area.

◆ Environmental Quality Projects



BASEC may make or guarantee loans and will engage in resource mobilization efforts relating to development of improving a variety of infrastructure needs such as ensuring sanitary sewer and drainage systems.

◆ Healthcare, Fire Protection and Emergency Services Programs



BASEC may make loan funds and or may engage in resource mobilization to purchase ambulances, health care equipment, fire halls, fire trucks and other related projects.

◆ Adult Education Projects



BASEC will provide consulting support and may make loan funds available to local communities to support the development and operation of community based adult education and development of programs and services including those directed toward BASEC's senior citizens.

◆ Youth Development Projects

BASEC will provide consulting support and may make loan funds available to local communities to support the development and operation of community based youth development facilities, programs, and services.



◆ Community Leadership Projects



BASEC is committed to assisting with developing and increasing community leadership capacity to all residents in a variety of ways: training, pass through mini-grants and to be a resource for organizations.

Technical Assistance

BASEC will also provide technical assistance for activities such as facilitating community meetings, grant writing and other like support for the purposes of enhancing community development issues.

The BASEC communities are Cavour, Hitchcock, Iroquois and Yale in Beadle County and Doland, Frankfort & Tulare In Spink County