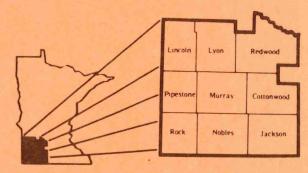


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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

TO: Citizens of Southwest Minnesota

FROM: Carl Hauschild, Chairman of the Southwest Regional Development Commission

As Chairman of the Southwest Regional Development Commission, I would like to present to the public, local units of government, legislature, and the governor, the Commission's Annual Report.

This report is a comprehensive description of the Commission's significant accomplishments for the year. Several items immediately come to mind when I review the accomplishments of the previous year. Two major documents were prepared last year which provide local elected officials with additional tools for decision-making.

The Southwest Regional Rural Investment Strategy provides the region with information to make recommendations on community facilities projects. The Transportation Action Plan gives the region the same type of decision making tool in the area of transportation. These two significant accomplishments move local input into state and federal decision making.

The Commission became involved in providing a forum for discussion of developmental disability issues by hosting the SW Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council. This new service identifies the Commission as a regional advocacy agent for developmental disability concerns.

These activities combined with our on-going work in the areas of land use planning, economic development, elderly services, technical assistance, employment and training, and transportation have made it a busy and particularily successful year.

I would like to personally thank all who contributed to the successes of the Commission the past year and look forward to continuing our relationship.

Sincerely,

Carl Hauschild, Chairman

Southwest Regional Development Commission

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PLANNING ACTIVITES

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

While technical assistance is not a requirement of the Regional Development Act, it is an important service to local government by the Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) Staff. Technical assistance has long been identified as a needed service by the Commission and has its own appropriation in the budget.

Technical assistance is information, it is problem solving, it is also grant writing. To provide information to local units of government, the Commission has co-sponsored several workshops. In August of 1980, representatives of the Department of Housing and Urban Development put on a workshop in Slayton to explain the Community Development Block Grant Program. The Commission staff have sponsored two Community Development Block Grant Workshops, in July of 1980 and in June, 1981. The SRDC was also active in requesting the League of Minnesota Cities to conduct a Tax Increment Finance Workshop in June at Marshall. The Commission also provides information on available programs through mailings to local units of government, news releases to the media, and weekly radio programs on two area stations. The Southwest Regional Report, the Commissions monthly newsletter, provides information on available programs to over 1,400 local elected officials and organizations through the Region.

Another part of technical assistance is problem solving. The SRDC has provided assistance to all local units of government or public spirited groups who have requested help. This assistance has included identifying alternative solutions or potential sources of funds through telephone conversations or meetings with local leaders. The SRDC has become more pro-active in helping communities identify and solve local problems. In FY 1981 the SRDC staff have conducted detailed needs assessment in six cities and developed local strategies for each community, which identify the tools available to the communities to resolve the problems. The strategies were designed to maximize the use of local tax funds, private investments and State and Federal aids.

The SRDC has discussed with several local Chambers of Commerce and Business Associations downtown improvement and how to plan and finance such improvements.

A third aspect of technical assistance is grant writing. Assistance requests from local units have ranged from going over applications for completeness to helping the applicants fill out the required forms. The SRDC staff have directly assisted communities with applications ranging from Rural Fire Protection Grants to Community Development Block Grants. Assistance was given to two communities on the Department of Housing

and Urban Development's Urban Development Action Grant program.

The Commission also has continued its involvement in the funding process for several programs. The Minnesota Rural Development Council Grant Program, the State Land Use Planning Grant Program, and the LAWCON/LCMR Parks and Recreation Grant Program each allow the opportunity for RDC ranking of applications. The SRDC has shown a strong interest in providing these rankings to the funding agencies.

In Fiscal Year 1982 the Commission will be sponsoring additional workshops on programs available to local governments. The feasibility of establishing an information sharing forum for local governments will also be explored. The staff will also continue to assist communities with grant writing and problem solving.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

One of the priority policies of the Southwest Regional Development Commission's Comprehensive Regional Guide is to encourage the expansion of employment opportunities available to residents of the region. Implementation of this policy is being pursued through several avenues.

A draft Regional Overall Economic Development Program was completed and submitted to the Economic Development Administration. The OEDP provides a mechanism for guiding and coordinating the efforts of local individuals and organizations concerned with the economic development of the region.

Cooperation and coordination of activities were already important components of the Commission's relationships with the Minnesota Department of Economic Development, the University of Minnesota Extension Service, the Southwest State University Technical Assistance Center and Small Business Development Center and with Pioneerland Economic Development Corporation.

The Commission has been involved in several technical assistance activities in the area of economic development. Assistance has included: industrial park improvements, financing for business expansion and development, downtown beautification and redevelopment, and a project designed to bring past high school graduates back to the area. The SRDC also served as host for a workshop on Tax Increment Financing conducted by the League of Minnesota Cities.

In the coming year, the SRDC will be exploring additional avenues for expanding employment opportunities and increasing awareness of the economic development tools available in Region 8.

HOUSING

The lack of adequate and affordable housing continues to pla-

gue the citizens of Southwest Minnesota in 1981. With interest rates rising at an alarming rate, it seems the problem will not be alleviated in the immediate future. This lack of housing opportunities has caused the Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) to continue it's planning effort in the area of housing.

In 1981, housing activities of the SRDC were directed toward implementation of the Commission's Comprehensive Regional Development Guide. A needs list of communities in need of elderly and family housing was compiled and submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency and the Farmers Home Administration. The Comprehensive Guide and recently completed Rural Investment Strategy were used extensively when developing the needs list. Several meetings were held with Farmers Home Administration officials to discuss priorities for the funding years of 1981 and 1982. A meeting was arranged between the Farmers Home Administration, the SRDC Housing Committee and the communities submitting applications for FY 1981 funding, on February 18, 1981.

Several developers and elected officials consulted with the SRDC and/or requested assistance before submitting housing development applications to the delivery agencies. The majority of the inquiries were for multi-family and elderly housing and included the following cities: Lake Wilson, Adrian, Tracy, Worthington, Slayton, Ellsworth, Edgerton, Fulda, Lakefield, Morgan, Windom, Currie, Marshall, Russell, Minneota, Brewster, Sanborn.

Assistance and information was also provided to counties, Community Action Agencies and various organizations on housing issues including establishing Housing Redevelopment Authorities, setting up Community Development Block Grant Rehabilitation programs and Self-Help Housing and Housing Rehabilitation proposals.

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency's Home Improvement Grant and Loan programs operated in the Region in 1981, a total of \$661,500 or 6.3% of the State's total grant program funds, were awarded to five grant administration centers throughout the Region. The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency's Loan Program was allocated \$1,386,000 in 1981. A total of 32 lending institutions participating within the Region. In 1982 the SRDC will continue to pursue the implementation of the housing section of the Regional Development Guide and explore new and innovative means of alleviating part of the housing shortage problems.

LAND USE

The Southwest Regional Development Commission initiated a land use planning assistance program in 1979. During the past two years, land use plans, zoning ordinances, and subdivision ordinances have been completed for the Cities of Brewster and Lamberton. A housing assistance plan was also completed for the

City of Tracy. The work currently in progress includes comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance, and subdivision ordinance updates for Mountain Lake, Marshall and Rock County, all of which will be completed by the end of 1981.

It is the desire of the Commission to continue to make professional planning expertise available at a reasonable rate to local units of government in Southwestern Minnesota. It is anticipated that the land use planning assistance program will continue to be a priority of the Commission in future years. This will allow for implementation of regional policies in the local comprehensive plans which are developed.

Another area of land use activity during the past year and onehalf has been participation in the Minnesota Association of Regional Commissions (MARC) Natural Resources Committee. The participation in this committee allows the SRDC, along with other RDC's to impact State and Federal agencies that make

decisions affecting land use.

Land use issues in Southwestern Minnesota are likely to increase in complexity in the future. The SRDC will continue to be committed to providing an intergovernmental process to resolve those issues.

Another area of land use activity related to the Northern Border Pipeline project. The project is part of the Alaskan Natural Gas Transportation System, a 42 inch steel pipeline which will carry natural gas to Midwestern markets. The Commission became involved at the request of the County Boards of the six counties in Minnesota along the 131 mile route. Five of the counties (Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Cottonwood and Jackson) are in Region 8, the sixth (Martin) is in Region 9.

A Special Pipeline Committee was established consisting of the SRDC Land Use Committee with an additional County Commissioner representative from each of the affected counties. The Committee has acted as a research agent for the counties, as a body for dissemination of information and as a forum for dis-

cussion of concerns relative to the project.

The Northern Border Project in southwestern Minnesota has served as a "test bed" for the 1979 Minnesota Pipeline Act in that it is the first pipeline project undertaken in the State since passage of the law. The activities of the Special Pipeline Committee have satisfied the provision of the law requiring consultation among the counties. The SRDC also developed a model essential services ordinance to assist the counties in implementing provisions of the Pipeline Act. Guidelines to clarify the duties, role, and responsibilities of the County Inspector required by State Law were developed by the Committee. The SRDC and the Northern Border Pipeline Company also sponsored a training session for the County Inspectors to verse them in pipeline construction techniques and requirements of the Pipeline Act. A final component of the Committee's activity has been to maintain contact with all parties involved in the project, including the Northern Border Pipeline Company, the Office of the Federal

Inspector, and the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board. Coordination between these parties and the counties has proved to be very beneficial during the actual construction of the line.

During the past year, the SRDC staff has provided assistance to the Minnesota Waste Management Board. The Board has been charged by the State Legislature to locate at least one site for a hazardous waste disposal facility and at least nine processing facility sites within the State by 1984.

The Waste Management Board has held three of its four public meetings in each region. At these meetings, their staff has explained the site selection process and they have solicited input from the public. The Waste Management Board has selected initial study areas for both disposal facilities and processing facilities. There are no areas identified in Region 8 as disposal facility study areas, however, one processing facility study area has been selected, in central Lyon County, in the Marshall area. This area has been identified as a possible transfer/storage site where small amounts of locally generated hazardous waste could be stored temporarily until a sufficient amount is accumulated. It would then be transferred to a processing facility in another location and processed.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Southwest Regional Development Commission's parks and recreation planning activities in Fiscal Year 1981 focused on implementation of the Comprehensive Regional Guide.

The Commission assisted several applicants for State LCMR Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grants in both pre-application and application phases. To provide for local funding recommendations, the SRDC Parks and Recreation Committee diligently reviewed the pre-applications, visited the proposed project sites, and recommended funding priorities to the Office of Local and Urban Affairs.

The Department of Natural Resources began work on Management Plans for Split Rock Creek and Lake Shetek State Parks in Fiscal Year 1981. The Parks and Recreation Section of the SRDC's Comprehensive Regional Guide provided policy input for these plans and upon completion of the Management Plans, the Guide will be used as a basis for review and comment.

Involvement was maintained in the State recreation policy formation and decision making processes through Commission representation on the State Outdoor Recreation Advisory Council (ORAC) and the Outdoor Recreation Planning and Technical Advisory Committee (ORPTAC).

In Fiscal Year 1982 the Commission will continue to pursue implementation of the Parks and Recreation Section of the Comprehensive Guide and to alleviate deficiencies in recreational opportunities available within Southwest Minnesota.

RURAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) undertook a rigorous effort to develop a comprehensive community facility investment strategy for the Region with Section III funds from the FmHA. Meetings were conducted in each county to discuss the scope and direction of the Strategy. Numerous meetings were held with individual cities. Surveys were sent to all eighty incorporated communities in the region and we received a 97% return rate.

The Rural Investment Strategy is the first detailed analysis of the local priorities and needs conducted in the Region. This information was compiled and used in establishing priority ratings for the FmHA community facility grants and loans and Farmers Home Administration Section 515 rural rental housing.

The strategy was used and incorporated into the FmHA District VI Management Plan and the FmHA State Management Plan. The Rural Investment Strategy also provides the tools for more indepth A-95 reviews of community facilities and housing projects by the commission and ability to target the commission's technical assistance services.

The Strategy also proved beneficial in targeting scarce subsidized housing funds into communities with severe housing problems. Most of these cities have been unsuccessful in the past at resolving these problems, until the need was documented and priority status given to them by FmHA.

The SRDC will continue to actively pursue updates and modify the strategy to take into account local priorities and State and Federal requirements for community facility funding. Updates will continue to give the SRDC ability to target scarce funding and technical assistance.

TRANSPORTATION

The agricultural community of the Southwest Region depends greatly on an adequate transportation system. Currently, the many highways in the area are deficient and need substantial repairs.

Planning for an efficient transportation system in the Region is a joint effort between the SRDC and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT). The SRDC, during Fiscal Year 1981, reviewed MN/DOT's 1982 to 1983 highway improvement program for the Region.

Fiscal Year 1981 was a difficult year for the Department of Transportation. Funding for highway improvements and associated programs occupied much of their time. The SRDC publically supported MN/DOT and its efforts to obtain additional funding from the Legislature.

The main focus of the SRDC Transportation Committee was

with the development of a Regional Transportation Action Plan. The Plan was designed to be used as a tool for transportation planning and review activities by the Region, as well as effectively impacting on transportation planning and decision making by MN/DOT. The 160 page document identifies specific modal problem areas and presents a formula by which these issues can be studied and reviewed. The document provides the mechanics for transportation decision making and is a viable tool in determining short and long term transportation planning activities.

Much of the railroad branch lines are now gone. Rail improvement programs have fallen behind due to budget cuts on both the Federal and State levels. There are two remaining branch lines which pass through the Region. The SRDC was successful in helping organize rail users on the Org to Sioux Falls, S.D. line which runs through Nobles and Rock Counties. The other branch line (Norwood to Madison) which passes through the northern tip of Redwood County, has been considered for a number of years for improvement. Neither of these branch lines are being considered for abandonment at this time. The SRDC has and will continue to provide technical assistance as well as discussing possible improvements on mainlines.

The SRDC, along with the Southwestern Area Agency on Aging, provided technical assistance and funding for transit programs. The Commission provided comments on proposed rules for the operation of state wide transit systems as well as reviewing applications for transit assistance and suggesting ways to improve an applicant's chances for funding.

SOUTHWEST AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The SWAAA operates on the calendar year January - December. CY 1980 was a year of new and expanded activities for the Aging program of the SRDC. The long-awaited implementation of the 1978 amendments to the Older Americans Act (OAA) brought new responsibilities to the AAA. The Aging Advisory Council was active in grant review and subsequent funding recommendations, policy development, assisting in the needs assessment and providing input and direction for the 1981-83 Area Plan.

The Area Agency on Aging assumed administration of the Nutrition (Mealsite) Program for the elderly, awarding \$202,521 in federal funds for the provision of congregate meals at nineteen sites throughout the region. A separate allocation for Home Delivered Meals was introduced this year through the 1978 OAA amendments. Funds totaling \$27,944 were awarded in July 1980 for the first six-month project year.

Other grant making in CY 1980 consisted of awarding \$153,996 in federal Title III funds for social service programs including transportation, homemaker, home health aid, information and referral, organizational advocacy, county coordinator on aging, adult day care and legal education for the elderly. Grants totaling

\$51,702 were awarded to Lakefield, Jasper and Hendricks to renovate and expand multipurpose senior centers.

Grantmaking in January through June 1981 (last half of SRDC FY 1981) awarded \$230,806 for the Congregate Meals program and \$32,494 for the Home Delivered Meals Program. Social service programs received \$81,860 in that period.

CY 1980 marked the beginning of efforts by the McKnight Foundation to help seniors improve their facilities. An award of \$31,136 was given to the SWAAA through the Minnesota Board on Aging to assist rural senior clubs in acquiring, renovating and equipping centers. Unlike the federal Title III funds, the McKnight foundation monies carried few requirements or restrictions. This made the funds ideal for small towns not likely to be eligible for federal dollars or unable to implement a multipurpose program. The SRDC awarded McKnight grants to benefit senior groups in fifteen different communities in the region.

Another new responsibility for the Aging program initiated by the 1978 OAA amendments was the nursing home ombudsman or advocate program. Aging staff laid the groundwork for this program by working with area nursing home administrators. In cooperation with the regional branch of the Minnesota Association of Health Care Facilities, aging staff designed, authored and distributed the region's first Consumer's Guide to the Nursing Homes of Southwest Minnesota. In January, 1981, Region VIII joined with regions VIW, VIE and IX, forming a consortium to administer the \$20,000 in federal funds designated for the 27 county area. The ombudsman assists in resolving complaints, provides training for residents, families and staff of nursing homes and also monitors laws and regulations related to nursing homes and their residents.

During the past year, the SWAAA was active in preliminary preparations for the 1981 White House Conference on Aging. Five community forums were held for the purpose of obtaining local input for the national conference. A regional conference on aging was held as an additional opportunity for local input and recommendations. This conference also served as a training event for the elderly and interested citizens in the nine county area. Seminars were provided on topics of interest to the aged and a public hearing was held to provide for comment on the SWAAA's 1981-83 Area Plan. Over 230 persons attended this successful event which was the first of its kind to be held in southwest Minnesota.

Six training workshops were sponsored this past year by the Area Agency for older persons and service providers. Topics included long term care, program evaluation, senior center programming and advanced lay advocacy. A total of 265 persons were trained through these workshops.

The technical assistance role of the aging program continues to expand. Beyond the development and monitoring of the directly funded projects, the aging staff has successfully helped to secure private foundation funds for a senior center, assisted a county in developing its CSSA Plan and developed a training needs assessment for the county welfare departments.

In an effort to promote coordination of the variety of human service agencies which serve the elderly in Region VIII, regular contact has been maintained with the county welfare departments, community action agencies, public health nursing and mental health centers. The aging staff is active on the MARC Human Resources Committee, Health Systems Agency No. 6 (HSA) Project Review Committee, Nutrition Project Council, Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council Older Workers Employment Board, Minnesota Health Department Long Term Care Task Force and the Minnesota Gerontological Society nominating committee. Aging staff was nominated by the Minnesota Board on Aging and selected by the federal Administration on Aging regional office to represent the Area Agencies on Aging in a six state area on a Technical Advisory committee for the long range federal education and training plan.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

During the past year and a half, the Developmental Disabilities Program has evolved from a tri-regional program (eighteen counties) into a program serving the disabled population and human service agencies in the nine counties of Region 8. Thus, this past year has been a year of transition with the development of a Region 8 Developmental Disabilities Committee and various program activities relating to the specific needs of disabled persons in the Region.

Consisting of both new members and some from the previous tri-regional Developmental Disabilities (DD) Committee, the Southwest Developmental Disabilities Committee represents an equal proportion of developmentally disabled persons or their family members, and human service agencies and general public members. This twenty-one member Committee established its Operating Policies and its work priorities and activities for the upcoming year during fall, 1980. Program activities included increasing the provision of respite care services; influencing legislative actions; increasing employment opportunities for the disabled; and serving as an informational resource center on issues affecting developmentally disabled persons.

Developmental Disability is defined as a severe, chronic disability of a person which is attributed to a mental or physical impairment; is manifested before age 22; is likely to continue indefinitely; and results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the areas of major life activities. With this mandate, the Southwest Developmental Disabilities Committee is concerned about all physical or mental disabilities including but not limited to: mental retardation, epilepsy, cerebal palsy, hearing impairments, visual impairments, physical disorders and others.

The Southwest Developmental Disabilities (DD) Committee developed legislative position statements urging state and federal representatives to take a stand on various issues affecting the quality of life of a disabled person. With the support of the SRDC, the DD Committee contacted the legislators regarding work incentive for disabled residents of out-of-home placement; handicapped accessibility; semi-independent residential services; and foster care placement for disabled persons. Of these position statements, two were enacted into law with two others being seriously considered for the next State legislative session. Additionally, the Committee contacted the federal representatives regarding the impact of several vital program (developmental disabilities, vocational rehabilitation and special education) in the block grant approach.

The DD Committee examined the need for respite care services by distributing surveys to human service agencies and families of handicapped or elderly persons. The survey was designed to see if agencies or families felt that temporary relief in the care of a handicapped child, adult or elderly person would be utilized. This care could range from a few hours each day on a regular basis to overnight stay for vacations, weekends, emergencies. In the analysis of the data, the Committee determined a need for a respite care program providing overnight stay in a family-like setting. This need along with information on funding sources was distributed to human service agencies interested in implementing a respite care program.

The Committee has initially pursued the issue of increasing employment opportunities for disabled persons. Several activities relating to public information are being planned for fall, 1981 - in conjunction with the designation of October as the Employment Month of the International Year of the Disabled.

Because of the advocacy and public information roles of the Developmental Disabilities Program, numerous developmentally disabled persons and/or their families have received needed services. The DD Committee also provided technical assistance to various agencies and conducted grant reviews on several project applications proposing new or expanded services for the developmentally disabled population.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

Over the past year almost \$3 million has been channeled through the various human service agencies for employment and training services to Region 8's economically disadvantaged adults and youth. The Regional Employment and Training Advisory Committee (RETAC), the Region 8 Youth Council and the Title VI Review Committee have thus been active in planning, developing and monitoring various employment and training programs.

The major activity of the RETAC has been the development of the Fiscal Year 1982 Region 8 Strategic Employment and Training Plan. This planning document provides a data analysis of the population characteristics, economic conditions and trends, labor force, as well as the needs of low-income persons. This information is used by the Committee and the Marshall and Worthington CETA Centers to prioritize Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) funds for population groups with special needs and barriers to employment. For next year, the Region 8 Youth Council and RETAC and the CETA Centers have prioritized the following population groups for CETA funding: low-income youth, handicapped youth, youth with limited English speaking ability, youthful offenders and ex-offenders, social service recipient youth, disabled adults, older workers facing barriers to employment, displaced homemakers, adult public assistance recipients, and adult offenders. The RETAC has also been involved in the expansion of older worker programs into all the counties of Region 8, the development of a displaced homemaker program in all counties of Region 8, and the development of a skills assessment center for low-income youth and adults.

The Region 8 Youth Council this past year recommended the program operators for the summer and year-round Youth Programs. A formal format including an objective criteria sheet and oral and written presentations was devised. The concern was that the resulting recommendation ultimately benefits those low-income youth needing services in Region 8. The Marshall and Worthington CETA Centers were selected to operate the Governor's Youth Program, the Summer Employment Program and the Youth Employment and Training Program for a two-year

period. The Title VI Review Committee, composed of members of the Southwest Regional Development Commission and the Regional Employment and Training Advisory Committee, reviewed and prioritized thirteen CETA Title VI Public Service Employment Project applications requesting over \$200,000. Of these, eight projects have been funded at \$90,500. These included such project activities as services to disabled persons, day care assistance, volunteer coordinator for a battered women's shelter, city and park renovation, educational media project, assistance to an arts chorale group, and a weatherization project.

During the past year the Regional Advisory Committees and the CETA Centers have emphasized cooperative relationships between the private sector and the CETA programs. Various additional programs have been developed and promoted to further this cooperative venture: tax relief for businessmen hiring low-income persons; an on-the-job training program offering those businessmen who train low-income persons more than 50% reimbursement incentive during the inititial weeks; and the development of a project seeking to increase the number of jobs available for low-income persons.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

One of the requirements of the Regional Development Act of 1969 was the preparation of a Comprehensive Regional Development Guide. In July of 1978, the Southwest Regional Development Commission adopted its Comprehensive Regional Guide and was the first RDC in the State to do so.

Looking back over the past three years, the Comprehensive Guide has served the Commission well. The Guide has provided a data base for local government and has served as a basis for review of local plans. Under the Commission's A-95 Review Authority, applications for state and federal funds have been reviewed for consistency with policies contained in the Comprehensive Guide. Implementation of the Regional Guide has also been accomplished through its utilization by State and Federal Agencies in their decision-making processes.

While the success of the Comprehensive Regional Guide cannot be overstated, the need for revision due to the surfacing of new issues and availability of additional information can neither be overlooked. To this end, planning accomplishments in Fiscal Year 1981 including the Overall Economic Development Program, the Rural Investment Strategy, and the Transportation Action Plan have served as logical extensions of their respective sections of the Regional Guide. Incremental updating of additional sections of the Guide, together with the inclusion of the categorical human resource plans will allow incorporation of new information. Integration of these various functional studies into a comprehensive policy document will allow the Comprehensive Regional Guide to continue to be an invaluable tool for review and decision making.

DOCUMENTS, STUDIES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1981

-Area Agency on Aging 1981 Annual Plan -Consumer's Guide to Nursing Homes

-Southwest Regional Transportation Action Plan

-Southwest Regional Rural Investment Strategy

-Fiscal Year 1981 Work Program

-Fiscal Year 1979 and Fiscal Year 1980 Audit Reports

-Strategic Employment and Training Plan Update

-Brewster Comprehensive Land Use Plan

-Lamberton Comprehensive Land Use Plan

-SRDC Operations Manual

-Revised Project Review Manual

-Program Year 1979 and 1980 Title III Area Planning Grant Audit Reports

REPORTING PERIOD BUDG	JET
(Fiscal Year 1981)	

Revenues by Fund
Tax Levy
State Planning Agency 74,136
Department of Housing and Urban
Development (701) 12,893
Department of Housing and Urban
Development (107) 10,000
Minnesota Board on Aging
Minnesota Department of Economic
Security
Crime Control Planning Board 16,862
Developmental Disabilities 18,664**
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Study Contract 7,500
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Committee Contract 2,000
Farmer's Home Administration 11,046
Waste Management Board 2,500
Governor's Council on Rural Development 1,534
Local Contracts
Interest
\$353,574

REPORTING PERIOD BUDGET

(Fiscal Year 1981)
Actual Expenditures

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\$312,165

+approx. accrued expenditures 5,000**
Total F.Y. '81 Expenses \$317,165
+Crime Control Expenses 16,862
Total F.Y. '81 Expenses \$334,027

**There are approximately \$5,000.00 of expenses left to pay that were accrued in Fiscal Year 1981. The starred revenue items represent those funds whose actual revenue changes depending upon what their share of the accrued expenditures is. The starred expenditure items represent those line items which are known to have outstanding expenses as of the date of this report.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 1982 BUDGET

REVENUES	
Tax Levy	
State Appropriation	
Minnesota Board of Aging 59,000 ¹	
Minnesota Department of Economic Security. 30,040	
Minnesota Department of Transportation	
(Committee Contract) 6,000	
Department of Housing & Urban	
Development	
Local Contracts	
Developmental Disabilities 24,885	
Reserve Funds (Interest)	
\$3	30,505

 $^{1}\mathrm{Does}$ not include any Title III Direct Service, Title IV-A, Mc-Knight, or Audit pass thru funds.

EXPENDITURES - Per Line Item

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Salaries and Fringe.										.\$	212,899
Rent and Utilities .		 									13,800
Equipment											2,500
Telephone		 									10,500
Staff Travel		 									13,500
Printing											15,750
Insurance											2,500
Postage											8,000
Supplies											6,800
Commission Expen	ses										32,000
Other		 									12,256
											\$330,50

EXPENDITURES - Per Program

SRDC Internal Management \$ 60,3821
Intergovernmental Coordination
Local Government Assistance 44.678 ³
Physical Resources Development 43.6494
Economic Development
Human Services Planning
Comprehensive Planning
\$330,505

 $^{1}\mathrm{Includes}\colon$ Management Documentation, Office Administration, and Self-Evaluation.

²Includes: Communications, Legislative, Agency Coordination, and Project Notification and Review.

³Includes: Technical Assistance, Needs Assessment and General Assistance.

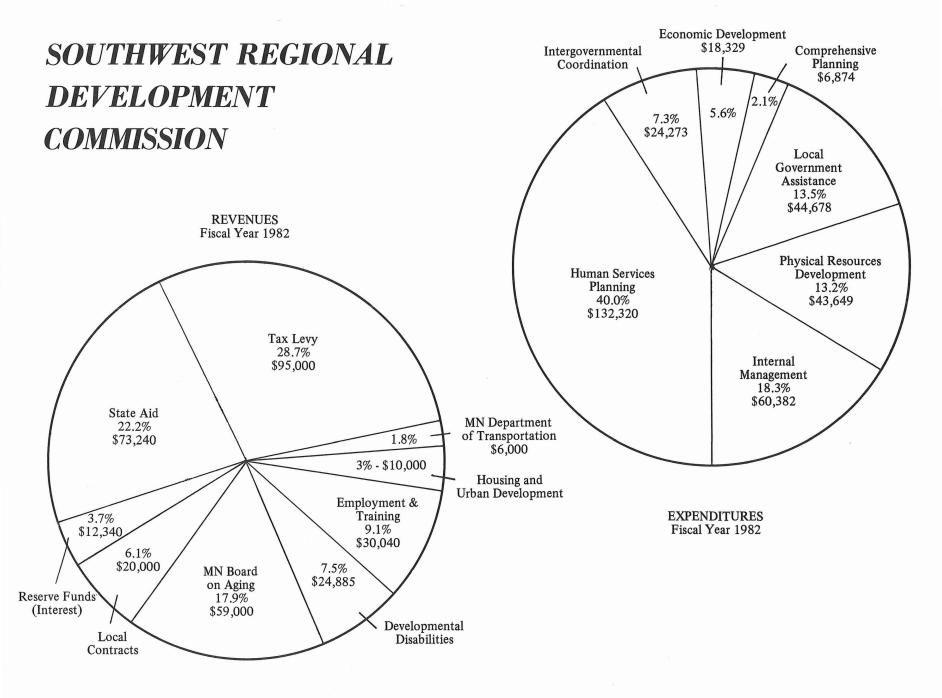
⁴Includes: Land Use and Environment, Parks and Open Space, Transportation, and Housing.

⁵Includes: Economic Planning, Research, Assistance and Promotion.

6Includes: Employment and Training, Aging, and Developmental Disabilities.

7Includes: Updates of the Comprehensive Plan.

STATE OF MINNESOTA



FISCAL YEAR 1981 The following were awarded Direct Service Grants during Fiscal Year 1981:	The following senior centers were awarded McKnight Grants during Fiscal Year 1981: Balaton
FUNDED JULY, 1980 Hendricks Multipurpose Senior Center. \$11,830 Jasper Multipurpose Senior Center 14,872 Lakefield Multipurpose Senior Center 25,000 Lyon/Redwood Transportation 23,688 Minnesota Senior Federation 8,305 Redwood County Coordinator on Aging 11,707 Region Eight North Homemaker 17,039 Worthington Adult Day Care/Transportation 4,219 \$116,660 FUNDED OCTOBER, 1980	Dundee 3,687 Fulda 588 Garvin 2,433 Hendricks 915 Hills 3,708 Lakefield 4,163 Milroy 2,499 Mountain Lake 1,349 Ruthton 904 Steen 922 Storden 2,442 Vesta 2,105 Woodstock 923 Worthington 2,900
*Community Legal Education for Seniors in Region 8	\$31,136
*Western Community Action (Home	
Delivered Meals)	
FUNDED JANUARY, 1981 Murray/Pipestone Volunteer Transportation. \$21,382 Nobles County Home Services . 9,448 Nobles/Rock Health Services . 8,202 Pipestone County Homemaker . 3,962 Rock County Coordinator on Aging . 1,926 Western Community Action, Information and Referral . 17,493 Windom Taxi Program for the Elderly . 2,630 \$ 65,043 FUNDED APRIL, 1981 Information & Referral - Murray, Nobles,	FISCAL YEAR 1982 The following have been awarded Direct Service Grants beginning July 1, 1981: Edgerton Multipurpose Senior Center
Pipestone, Rock	The following senior centers have been awarded McKnight Grants beginning July 1, 1981: Beaver Creek
TOTAL DIRECT SERVICE AWARDED, FISCAL YEAR 1981 \$471,060	Belview 596 Hardwick 1,139 Reading 1,646 Rushmore 4,655 Steen 256
*All grants were for a year except Community Legal Education (9 months) and Western Community Action (Home Delivered Meals) (6 months).	Taunton 2,500 Tyler. 1,683 \$14,975

A-95 PROJECT REVIEW LIST January 1, 1980 thru June 30, 1981 P-Positive Review and Recommendations N-Negative Comments

<u>Title</u>	Applicant	Funding Agency	Cost	Action
Jackson County Township Bridge L5217 Repair	Jackson County	MN/DOT	\$ 93,557	P
STEP I Wastewater Facilities Planning Grant	Balaton, MN	EPA	16,613	P
Street Improvement Loan	City of Round Lake, MN	FmHA	383,000	P
Head Start/Home Based	Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council	CSA	125,073	P
1980 Operational Budget	Western Community Action Agency	CSA	219,551	P
Foster Grandparent Program	Minnesota Association of Retarded Citizens	ACTION	1,063,665	P
Comprehensive Plan	City of Worthington, MN			P
Displaced Homemaker Project	Marshall CETA Center and Mainstay, Inc.	DES	170,000	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Township Bridge Nos. L3443, L1280, L3411, L3430, L3429, L3296, and L3413	Nobles County	MN/DOT	416,000	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Township Bridge Nos. L1595 and L1587	Murray County	MN/DOT	139,650	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Township Bridge Nos. 550, 1606, 1682, L6516, L6566, and L6609	Cottonwood County	MN/DOT	230,000	P
Wastewater Treatment Project	Cottonwood, City of	FmHA	200,000 (loan)	P
Industrial Park Improvements	City of Slayton	EDA	677,938 local - 338,969	P
Home Start Handicapped Program	Western Community Action, Inc.	CSA	9,334	P

<u>Title</u>	Applicant	Funding Agency	Cost	Action
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding For Twp. Bridges Nos. 782, 585, 5177, and 5244	Jackson County	MN/DOT	\$ 363,000	P
Federal Aid Off-System and Federal Aid Secondary Highway Construction Programs for 1980	Jackson, Lincoln, and Lyon Counties	MN/DOT	,	P
Funds for one staff person, building renovation, and equipment	Service Industries, Inc. Redwood Falls	DVR	66,715	P
Equipment Purchase	The Achievement Center Worthington	DVR	23,100	P
Interpretive Exhibits for Museum	Pipestone County Museum Historical Grant	MN Historical Society	5,680	P
Small Cities Block Grant	Pipestone	HUD	880,000	P
Small Cities Block Grant	Worthington	HUD	1,998,000	P
Displaced Homemaker Program	Mainstay - Marshall	DOL	200,000	P
Mobile Career Assessment Project	Jackson A.V.T.I.	DES/CETA	29,545	P
Microcomputer Training Services	Morgan High School	DES/CETA	20,136	P
Cottonwood County Mini-Bus	Cottonwood County	MN/DOT	28,000	P
Lincoln County Section 18 Transit Application	Lincoln County	MN/DOT	55,172	P
Fire Engine - Community Facilities Loan	City of Adrian	FmHA	52,014	P
Street Improvements	City of Tracy	FmHA	295,000	P
Water and Sewer Extension	City of Balaton	FmHA	25,000	P
12 Unit Elderly Housing Project for Lake Wilson	Midaka Properties, St. Cloud	FmHA	354,000	P
SMAHC'S Block Grant for FY'81	Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council	MN Arts Board	338,000	P
Summer Youth Employment	MN Balance of State	DOL	2,941,604 (Region 8 - 283,189)	P

<u>Title</u>	Applicant	Funding Agency	Cost	Action
HSA Six Redesignation	Health Systems Agency Six - Redwood Falls	HEW	\$ 320,044	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Rock Co. Bridge No. 3295, Twp. Bridge No. L2193, L2222, L2227, L2253, L2272, L2295, L2310, L2312, L2327 L2333, and 2689	Rock County	MN/DOT	1,195,197	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Nobles County Bridge No. L2608, L2627 and L3361	Nobles County	MN/DOT	115,500	P
Construction of Water Treatment Plant	City of Bigelow	FmHA	440,000	P
Fire Hall and Fire Truck Apparatus	City of Hills	FmHA	117,000	P
Sanitary Sewer Extension to U.S. 71 and I90 Interchange	City of Jackson	FmHA	425,000	P
Elderly Housing Project for Vesta, MN	Jim Miller Construction St. Cloud, MN	FmHA	447,500	P
STEP II Wastewater Treatment Study	City of Redwood Falls	EPA	57,245	P
Summer Youth Recreation Program for low-income children	Western Community Action, Inc.	CSA	5,088	P
Head Start - to provide training for parents and staff	Western Community Action, Inc.	CSA	6,543	P
Summer Youth Recreation Program for low-income youth	Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council	CSA	3,589	P
Summer Youth Recreation Program for low-income youth on Indian Reservations	Department of Economic Security - Office of Economic Opportunity	CSA	13,000	P
Volunteer Transportation Services for Murray & Pipestone Counties, January 1, 1979	SW MN Opportunity Council	MBA	15,044 \$Fed. Share)	P
Volunteer Transportation Services for Murray & Pipestone Counties, January 1, 1980	SW MN Opportunity Council	MBA	16,217 (Fed. Share)	P
Chandler Multipurpose Senior Center Supplement	Chandler Senior Citizens, Inc.	MBA	1,000 (Fed. Share)	P

<u>Title</u>	Applicant	Funding Agency	Cost	Action
Brewster Senior Center Construction	Brewster Senior Citizen Center, Inc.	MBA	\$ 10,138 (Fed. Share)	P
Senior Services (Coordination)	Western Community Action, Inc.	MBA	21,146 (Fed. Share)	P
Tracy Senior Citizen-Golden Age Club Acquisition-Renovation Project	City of Tracy	MBA	19,147 (Fed. Share)	P
Lake Benton Community Center Renovation (Multipurpose)	City of Lake Benton	MBA	15,000 (Fed. Share)	P
Rock County Homemaker Services Program	Rock County Family Services	MBA	6,947 (Fed. Share)	P
Multipurpose Senior Citizens Center	Jasper Senior Citizens	MBA	14,872 (Fed. Share)	P
Nobles-Rock Home Care Services Project	Nobles-Rock Health Services	MBA	10,740 (Fed. Share)	P
Murray County Public Health Nursing Service - Home Health Care	Murray County Public Health Nursing Service	MBA	4,629 (Fed. Share)	P
Lyon/Redwood County Senior Citizens Transportation Program (Oct., 1979 thru June 30, 1980)	Western Community Action, Inc.	MBA	10,886 (Fed. Share)	P
Lyon/Redwood County Senior Transportation Program (July 1, 1980 to January, 1981)	Western Community Action, Inc.	MBA	23,688 (Fed. Share)	P
Windom Taxi Program for the Elderly	City of Windom	MBA	1,863 (Fed. Share)	P
Windom Taxi Program for the Elderly (Supplemental)	City of Windom	MBA	1,425 (Fed. Share)	P
Information & Referral Services for Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, and Rock Counties	Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc.	MBA	18,424 (Fed. Share)	P
Region VIII North Welfare Homemaker Project (July, 1979)	Region VIII North Welfare	MBA	17,984 (Fed. Share)	P
Region VIII North Welfare Homemaker Project (July, 1980	Region VIII North Welfare	МВА	17,039 (Fed. Share)	P
Lakefield Multipurpose Senior Center Project	Lakefield Multipurpose Senior Center	MBA	25,000 (Fed. Share)	P

<u>Title</u>	Applicant	Funding Agency	Cost	Action
Hendricks Multipurpose Senior Center	Hendricks Senior Citizens	MBA	\$ 11,830 (Fed. Share)	P
Redwood County Coordinator Program (July, 1979)	Redwood County Welfare Dept.	MBA	13,236 (Fed. Share)	P
Redwood County Coordinator Program (July, 1980)	Redwood County Welfare Dept.	MBA	11,707 (Fed. Share)	P
Worthington Adult Services Program (July, 1979)	Worthington Community Education	MBA	6,432 (Fed. Share)	P
Worthington Adult Day Care Program (July, 1980)	Worthington Community Education	MBA	4,219 (Fed. Share)	P
Senior Nutrition Services	Western Community Action, Inc.	MBA	168,908 (Fed. Share)	P
Stoney Point Park	City of Tyler	LAWCON/LCMR	104,250	P
Swimming Pool Area	City of Tracy	LAWCON/LCMR	52,000	P
Adrian Lower Park	City of Adrian	LAWCON/LCMR	27,324	P
Mountain Lake Athletic Area	City of Mountain Lake	LAWCON/LCMR	25,000	P
Luverne Recreation Area	City of Luverne	LAWCON/LCMR	193,600	P
Paulsen Field	City of Pipestone	LAWCON/LCMR	12,000	P
City Park & C.W. Reishus Park	City of Cottonwood	LAWCON/LCMR	30,500	P
Village Park	City of Marshall	LAWCON/LCMR	55,000	P
Passive Recreation Park	City of Slayton	LAWCON/LCMR	11,670	P
Community Based Farm Records (utilizing micro-computers)	Morgan Public Schools	MN Rural Development Council	26,216	P
Rural/Farm Homemakers Information Network (second year project)	Mainstay, Inc.	MN Rural Develop- ment Council	20,925	P
"GATE" - Growth in Agriculture through Equality (serving Regions 6E, 6W, and 8)	Canby Area Vocational Technical Institute	MN Rural Develop- ment Council	29,842	P
Pilot Adzuki Bean Processing Demonstration (3rd year project)	University of Minnesota	MN Rural Development Council	15,746	P

<u>Title</u>	Applicant	Funding Agency	Cost	Action
Rural Public TV - Focus on the Eighties (second year project serving part of Lincoln & Lyon Co.)	West Central Minnesota Educational Television Co.	MN Rural Develop- ment Council	\$ 23,500	P
Minnesota Performing Artists	Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council	MN Rural Develop- ment Council	12,500	P
State Land Use Planning Grant	Rock County	SPA	N.A.	P
State Land Use Planning Grant	City of Marshall	SPA	N.A.	P
State Land Use Planning Grant	City of Arco	SPA	N.A.	P
State Land Use Planning Grant	Cottonwood County	SPA	N.A.	P
State Land Use Planning Grant	City of Tyler	SPA	N.A.	P
State Land Use Planning Grant	City of Adrian	SPA	N.A.	P
Cable TV Service for Luverne	City of Luverne	MN Cable Comm. Bd.		P
Provide Cable TV to Hendricks, MN & surrounding area	Deuel Telephone Coop Assoc. Clear Lake, S.D.	MN Cable Comm. Bd.	202,108	P
Cable TV Franchise	City of Worthington	MN Cable Comm. Bd.		P
Additional Administrative Funds	Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council	CSA	25,000	P
Municipal Water System	City of Garvin	FmHA	474,000	P
Assessment & Education Center	Worthington Community College & Community Education Program	DES/CETA	22,200	P
Career Opportunities & Personal Evaluation Project (COPE)	Jackson A.V.T.I.	DES/CETA	39,442	N
Micro-computer Training Service	Morgan High School	DES/CETA	20,136	P
Personal Employability Preparation	Jackson A.V.T.I.	DES/CETA	31,250	N
Prevocational/Pre-employment Program	Pipestone A.V.T.I.	DES/CETA	28,900	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Rock Co. Twp. Bridge Nos. L2282, L2293 and L2229	Rock County	MN/DOT	194,812	P

<u>Title</u>	Applicant	Funding Agency	Cost	Action
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Redwood Co. Township Bridge No. L6868	Redwood County	MN/DOT	\$ 56,000	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Nobles Co. Twp. Bridge Nos. L3400, L3541, L3423, L3500, and Co. Bridge No. 496	Nobles County	MN/DOT	270,000	P
Redwood Falls 40 unit Family Housing	Dennis Peterson Rochester, MN	MHFA		P
Windom 24 Unit Rural Rental 515 Housing	G.M.P. Partnership Windom, MN	FmHA	590,520	P
Slayton second year Comprehensive Community Development Block Grant Application	City of Slayton	HUD	1,195,090	P
Kimball Building Acquisition	Lake Benton Opera House, Inc.	MN Historical Society	17,500	P
Expansion of Home Health Care Program	Redwood County Public Health Nursing Service	MN Department of Health	15,000	P
Planning Grant from the Economic Development Administration	Southwest Regional Development Commission	EDA	65,000	P
Federal-Aid Off System Highway Construction Programs during 1980 - 1981	Cottonwood, Rock, and Nobles Counties	MN/DOT		P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Nobles Co. Twp. Bridge Nos. L3338, L3396, L3406, L3440, L3531, and L3534	Nobles County	MN/DOT	274,000	P
Phased Restoration of Pipestone County Courthouse	Pipestone County	MN Historical Society	25,000	P
Retired Senior Volunteer Program for SW Minnesota	Nobles County Family Service Agency	ACTION	92,359	P
Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	Redwood County Public Health Nursing Service	MN Department of Health		P
Fiscal Year 1981 Special Grant to the Governor	Department of Economic Security - Office of State- wide CETA Coordination	DOL	3,172,000 (Statewide)	P
CETA Master and Annual Plans for Fiscal Year 1981	Department of Economic Security - Balance of State CETA	DOL	2,000,000 (Region 8)	P

<u>Title</u>	Applicant	Funding Agency	Cost	Action
City of Marshall Taxi System	City of Marshall	MN/DOT	\$ 34,381	P
Administrative Funds	MN CAP Assoc., Inc.	CSA	34,000	N
Operational Funds	Pioneerland Economic Development Corporation	DED	26,038	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding Projects for Nobles Co. Township Bridges: L3399, L3401, L3407, L3415, L3426, L3471, and L3474.	Nobles County	MN/DOT	465,000	P
Business and Industry Loan Guarantee	DeVries Implement of Pipestone County, MN	FmHA	750,000	P
Citizens Energy Coalition	MN CAP Association	CSA	235,882	P
Family Planning Special Project	Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council	MN Dept. of Health	11,500	P
Housing Assistance Plan	City of Tracy	HUD	THE	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding Projects for Lyon County Township Bridge Nos L1916, L1866, L1827, L1782, L1902, and County Bridge Nos. L1706, L1761 L1712, L1788, 2766, and L1765.		MN/DOT	675,900	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding Projects for Jackson County Township Bridge Nos. 594, 595, 928 and County Bridge No. 89263.	Jackson County	MN/DOT	248,500	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding Projects for Nobles County Township Bridge Nos. 1408, 1494, and L3470	Nobles County	MN/DOT	290,000	P
Facility Plan for Redwood Falls	City of Redwood Falls	EPA/PCA	N.A.	P
STEP 1 Facility Plan for Avoca	City of Avoca	EPA/PCA	N.A.	P
Self-Help Housing (Lyon/Redwood Co.)	Western Community Action Agency, Inc.	FmHA	75,000	P
Administrative Support	Western Community Action Agency, Inc.	CSA	221,170	P
Home Start Training Proposal	Western Community Action Agency, Inc.	CSA	8,992	P

<u>Title</u>	Applicant	Funding Agency	Cost	Action
Redwood Youth Commission	City of Redwood Falls	LEAA	\$ 16,550 (Federal)	P
Family Care Project	Lyon County Residential Facility	LEAA	12,000 (Federal)	P
Tri-County Shelter Care Program	Pipestone County Family Service Center	LEAA	9,478 (Federal)	P
1981 Street Improvements Project	City of Round Lake	FmHA	565,480	P
Administration Project	Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc.	CSA	203,362	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding projects for Lyon County Twp. Bridge Nos. L1855, 1859, 1891, 1854, L1921, L1907, L1933, L1890 and County Bridge Nos. L1786, L1789, L1782, L1733, and L1781	Lyon County	MN/DOT	904,450	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding Projects for Jackson County Twp. Bridge Nos. L586, L5212, L8957, L5210, and L5197.	Jackson County	MN/DOT	303,869	P
Federal Aid Secondary and Federal Aid Off System Highway Construction Program during 1981	Jackson County	MN/DOT	83,000	P
Federal Aid Secondary and Federal Aid Off System Highway Construction Program for 1981.	Lincoln County	MN/DOT	180,000	P
10-16 passenger vehicle for transit services	Tuff Memorial Home, Hills, MN	MN/DOT 16 (b) (2) transit funds	23,600	P
15-20 passenger vehicle	Swan Lake Developmental Achievement Center, Delft	MN/DOT 16 (b) (2) transit funds	29,337	P
Step 1 Facility Plan	City of Round Lake	MPCA		P
Step 2/3 Design and Construction of Wastewater Collection and Treatment Facilities	City of Avoca	MPCA	466,000	P
Step 2/3 Design and Construction of Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Collection System	City of Kenneth	MPCA	667,370	P

<u>Title</u>	Applicant	Funding Agency	Cost	Action
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding projects for Lyon County Twp. Bridge Nos. 1817, L1839, L1844, L1913, L6813, L1813, L1850, and County Bridge Nos. L1767 and 879.	Lyon County	MN/DOT	\$ 556,620	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding projects for Redwood County Township Bridge L6874.	Redwood County	MN/DOT	56,000	P
MN/DOT Work Program for Highway Planning and Research for Calendar Year 1981	MN/DOT	MN/DOT	N.A.	P
Project Head Start/Home Based	Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council	CSA	141,459	P
MN Weatherization Project	Department of Economic Security	DOE	17,521,200	P
Business & Industry Loan Guarantee	J & J Guide Systems, Sanborn	FmHA	207,600	P
State Land Use Planning Grant	City of Arco	SPA	N.A.	P
State Land Use Planning Grant	Nobles County	SPA	N.A.	P
HUD Small Cities Community Development Block Grant	City of Cottonwood	HUD	217,020	P
HUD Small Cities Community Development Block Grant	Lincoln County	HUD	600,000	P
HUD Small Cities Community Development Block Grant	City of Tracy	HUD	1,390,565	P
HUD Small Cities Community Development Block Grant	City of Redwood Falls	HUD	274,000	P
HUD Small Cities Community Development Block Grant	City of Brewster	HUD	1,168,000	P
HUD Small Cities Community Development Block Grant	City of Luverne	HUD	550,000	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Lyon County Twp. Bridge Nos. L1884 and L1910	Lyon County	MN/DOT	178,500	P

<u>Title</u>	Applicant	Funding Agency	Cost	Action
City Transit Service	Pipestone, MN	MN/DOT	\$ 10,940 (22,390 total)	P
Feasibility Study to Renovate Murray County Courthouse	Murray County	MN Historical Society	5,000	P
STEP II and III Design and Construction Wastewater Treatment Facilities	Holland, MN	EPA/PCA	297,000	P
2nd Year Critical Care Nursing Education Project	Redwood Falls Hospital	GCRD	15,840	P
Business and Industry Loan Guarantee to Renovate the Calumet Hotel	Gregory & Michael Hasara DBA Calumet Hotel, Pipestone	FmHA	500,000	Ρ,
Volunteer Transportation Program for Murray & Pipestone Counties	Southwestern MN Opportunity Council, Inc.	MBA	21,382 (fed share)	P
Information and Referral	Western Community Action	MBA	17,493 (fed. share)	P
Nobles/Rock Home Care Service Project	Nobles/Rock Health Services	MBA	8,202 (fed. share)	P
Windom Taxi Program for the Elderly	City of Windom	MBA	2,630	P
Senior Nutrition Services	Western Community Action	MBA	195,582 (fed. share) 53,000 (state funds)	P P
Senior Nutrition Services Home Delivered Meals	Western Community Action	MBA	27,944 (fed. share)	P
Organizational Advocacy	Minnesota Senior Federation	MBA	8,305	P
Community Legal Education for Seniors in Region 8	Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc.	MBA	5,000 (fed. share)	P
County Coordinator on Aging	Rock County Family Service Center	MBA	1,926 (fed. share)	P
Homemaker Project	Nobles County Family Service Center	MBA	9,448 (fed. share)	P
Homemaker Project	Pipestone County Family Service Center	MBA	3,962 (fed. share)	P

<u>Title</u>	Applicant	Funding Agency	Cost	Action
Ombudsman Program/Consortium	Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc.	MBA	\$ 20,000 (fed. share)	P
Homemaker (supplemental funds)	Rock County Family Service Center	MBA	1,276 (fed. share)	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Murray Co. Twp. Bridge No. L1651 and Co. Bridges No. 92396, 5973, and L1532.	Murray County	MN/DOT	385,000	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Lyon Co. Twp. Bridge L 1786.	Lyon County	MN/DOT	78,100	P P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Cottonwood Co. Twp. Bridges No. L6549, L6597, L6599, & L6598.	Cottonwood County	MN/DOT	102,000	P
Federal Aid Secondary Highway Construction Program for 1981	Cottonwood County	MN/DOT	175,000	P
Federal Aid Secondary Highway Construction Program for 1981	Jackson County	MN/DOT	223,000	P
16 Elderly Housing Units in Fulda, MN	W & G Enterprises, Franklin, MN	FmHA	400,000	P
24 Family Housing Unit in Luverne, MN	R.J. Lloyd & Assoc., Mankato, MN	MHFA		P
Industrial Park Public Works	City of Windom	FmHA	260,400	P
1980 Street Repair Project	City of Wilmont	FmHA	308,959 (loan)	P
Water System Improvement Project	City of Ellsworth	FmHA	511,000 (loan & grant)	P
Sanitary Sewer and Watermain Improvement Project	City of Jackson	FmHA	628,191 (loan & grant)	P
Clinic/Ambulance Project	City of Ivanhoe	FmHA	800,000	P
Foster Grandparent Program	MN Association for Retarded Citizens	ACTION	1,041,996 (statewide)	P
Energy Crisis Intervention Program	Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council	CSA	71,000	P

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Fiscal Year 1981-1982 Budget	Southwest Emergency Medical Services Corporation	DHHS	\$ 546,700	P
Camden Park Clean Up and Restoration Project	Marshall CETA Center	DES	30,342	P
12 Units of Rural Rental Housing at Ellsworth, MN	John Huisman, Ellworth	FmHA	314,600	P
8 Units of Rural Rental Housing at Lakefield, MN	Nissen & Schlottach, Lakefield	FmHA	182,400	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Lyon County Twp. Bridge L2391	Lyon County	MN/DOT	28,200	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Jackson Co. Twp. Bridge Nos. L 5216, L 5239, L 5232, 89012, L 5178, and 582.	Jackson County	MN/DOT	479,500	P
Industrial Park Improvements	City of Slayton	EDA	338,969 (federal)	P
1981 Street Improvements & Water Mains	City of Balaton	FmHA	1,500,000	P
Self - Help Housing	Western Community Housing Corporation - Marshall	FmHA	137,700	P
12 Rural Rental Housing Units in Morgan, MN	B.T. & K. Partnership Morgan, MN	FmHA	312,000	P
8 Rural Rental Housing Units in Okabena, MN	Arnold Hussong Okabena, MN	FmHA	201,600	P
8 Units of Rural Rental Housing in Clements, MN	M. G. Wersal Redwood Falls	FmHA	190,000	P
16 Units of Elderly Housing in Edgerton, MN	Meadowbrook Associates Franklin, MN	FmHA	402,800	P
Dial - Line	Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council	MBA	16,817 (Fed. Share)	P
Homemaker Project	Rock County Family Service Center	MBA	8,910 (Fed. Share)	P
Senior Nutrition Congregate Meals	Western Community Action Agency	MBA	207,102 (Fed. Share)	P

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Home Delivered Meals	Western Community Action Agency	MBA	\$ 32,494 (Fed. Share)	P
Land Transfer	Pipestone Municipal Airport	MN/DOT	N.A.	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Cottonwood Co. Twp. Bridges: L6569, L6505, L6570, L2393, L6560, L6563, & L6600.	Cottonwood County	MN/DOT	267,500	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Nobles Co. Bridges 5222 & L3460.	Nobles County	MN/DOT	149,000	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Lyon Co. Bridge No. L9016.	Lyon County	MN/DOT	31,500	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Pipestone Co. Twp. Bridge No. L3739.	Pipestone County	MN/DOT	28,475	P
Step II Wastewater Treatment Improvements Project	City of Redwood Falls	EPA/MPCA	64,507	P
Summer Home Start Program	Western Community Action Agency, Inc.	DHHS	17,647	P
Renewal of Full Designation as a Health Systems Agency	MN Health Systems Agency Six	DHHS	289,303	P
Continuation of County Bus	Lincoln County Trans.	MN/DOT	67,772	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Jackson Co. Twp. Bridge Nos. 1701, L5183, L5193.	Jackson County	MN/DOT	208,500	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Rock Co. Twp. Bridge Nos. L2280, L2213, L2328, & Co. Bridge No. 342.	Rock County	MN/DOT	449,920	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Nobles Co. Twp. Bridge Nos. L3410, L3437, L3436, L3421, L3441, L3464, L3463, and L3451.	Nobles County	MN/DOT	401,000	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Pipestone Co. Twp. Bridge Nos. L3704 & L3717.	e Pipestone County	MN/DOT	59,050	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Lyon County Twp. Bridge No. L1871.	Lyon County	MN/DOT	61,500	P

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Street, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer Improvements & Utilities Extension.	City of Rushmore	FmHA	\$1,377,770	P
Second year funding for Basic Life Support System Implementation Project	SW Minn. Emergency Medical Services Corp.	DHHS	546,000	P
Establishment of Work Adjustment Training & Job Placement Program	The Achievement Center Worthington, MN	DVR	100,417	P
Equipment purchase to improve client productivity & socialization activity	Service Industries, Inc. Redwood Falls, MN	DVR	5,100	P
Welding Certification Program	Ag-Chem Equipment Co. Jackson	MN BOS/PIC	18,228	P
Upgrading/Supervisory Project	Ag-Chem Equipment Co. Jackson	MN BOS/PIC	8,273	P
Enriched Summer Youth Employment Program	Marshall CETA Center	Office of Statewide CETA	4,510	N
Amendment to City of Slayton's Housing Assistance Plan	City of Slayton	HUD	N.A.	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding for Nobles County Twp. Bridge Nos. L5912, L3513, L3499, & Co. Bridge Nos. 2462 & L3368.	Nobles County	MN/DOT	499,000	P
MN/DOT Bridge Bonding Projects for Pipestone Co. Twp. Bridge No. L3700, & Co. Bridge Nos. 2059 & L36	Pipestone County	MN/DOT	225,000	P
Federal-Aid Off System Highway Construction Programs for 1981	Rock, Lyon & Pipestone Counties	MN/DOT	775,000	P
24 Section 202 Housing Project	Windom Housing Corp.	HUD	862,984	P
29 Section 202 Housing Project	Lakefield Elderly Housing Corporation	HUD	899,300	P
16 Section 202 Housing Project	Worthington Crippled Children's Home	HUD	537,900	P
Urban Development Action Grant for Golf Course Project	City of Lake Benton	HUD	161,350 (\$50,000 - Fed)	P

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Renewal of Application for Operation Back Home Again	Southwestern MN Development Corporation - Windom	PIC	\$	37,400	P
Financial Resource Directory Distribution Pilot Project	Pioneerland Economic Development Corporation - Marshall	PIC		26,080	P
Pat's Grove	Cottonwood County	LAWCON/LCMR		75,000	P
Sandy Point Park	Jackson County	LAWCON/LCMR		42,240	P
Avoca City Park	City of Avoca	LAWCON/LCMR		13,021	P
Minneota Outdoor Recreation Area	City of Minneota	LAWCON/LCMR		25,600	P
Kenneth City Park	City of Kenneth	LAWCON/LCMR		12,480	P
Bi-Centennial Park	City of Slayton	LAWCON/LCMR		61,306	P
Holland City Park	City of Holland	LAWCON/LCMR		12,000	$\mathbf{P}^{\mathbf{r}}$
Channel Parkway Softball Complex	City of Marshall	LAWCON/LCMR		117,923	P
Redwood Falls - Tennis Courts	City of Redwood Falls	LAWCON/LCMR		30,000	P
Region VIII North Welfare Homemaker Program	Region VIII North Welfare	SWAAA		16,078-Local 16,079-Fed.	P
Region VIII Senior Citizen Organizational Advocacy Project	Southwest Minnesota Senior Federation	SWAAA		5,537-Local 8,305-Fed.	P
Lyon/Redwood Citizens Transportation Program	Western Community Action	SWAAA		45,628-Local 19,555-Fed.	N
Region VIII Legal Services for Seniors	Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc.	SWAAA		6,666-Local 10,000-Fed.	P

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT OF THE STATE AUDITOR ON THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The auditor's opinion letter states "the . . . combined financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Southwest Regional Development Commission at June 30, 1980 and the results of operations of such funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles . . ."

Date field work completed: September 30, 1980 Date audit report signed: January 22, 1981

The following recommendations were stated in the audit report:

Internal Accounting Control

1) Inadequate segregation of duties exists in the financial affairs of the Commission as all financial functions are presently performed by the Financial Officer.

Action Taken: The Office Manager presently records all receipts which come into the office, totals the receipts at the end of the month and checks the balance recorded in the Cash Receipts Journal by the Financial Officer with her balance to provide a separation of duties in the financial area. Further separation is being implemented as the need arises.

2) Executive Director signs his own time sheet.

Action Taken: The Executive Director's time sheet is now signed by the Financial Officer.

Legal Compliance Matters

1) Official Bond: "The position schedule bond provided by the Commission for its employees does not provide for faithful performance of duties as required." The Commission is in the process of obtaining this.

Action Taken: The Commission now has a position schedule bond which provides faithful performance for all employees and the officers of the Commission.

2) The following items previously reported in the audit have been resolved:

a) Per diem payment to Commission Member prior to August 15, 1975 has been reimbursed to the Commission.

b) Personal telephone calls are no longer made by staff members.

c) Collateral has been obtained from the bank to cover deposits of the Commission.