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State	Senators	Representative(s)	Recipient	Grant	Project Description
SD	Mike Rounds, John Thune	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	Bennett Co Hospital& Nursing Home	\$897,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase health care equipment to help address the varying needs of rural residents in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Equipment purchases include two new ambulances, two home health care vehicles, a portable X-ray machine, ultrasound machine, three temperature screening kiosks and an ultraviolet sterilizer. The updates will allow Bennett County Hospital to be better equipped to handle future pandemics and treat more patients locally. Home Health vehicles will allow hospital staff to extend services to residents who are unable to travel in Bennett, Oglala Lakota, Jackson, and Todd counties.
SD	Mike Rounds, John Thune	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services Inc.	\$323,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a facility for Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services Inc. Established in 1977 to provide behavioral health and substance abuse services, they have been operating out of several buildings located at different sites throughout Yankton, South Dakota. The new project will help to improve safety, care and accessibility for patients and staff by housing all services under one roof. The new facility will be located in Yankton and provide services to Yankton, Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Gregory, Hutchinson, Union, Yankton, Douglas, Davison, Aurora, Brule, Jerauld, Miner, Sanborn, Hanson, Buffalo, Lyman, and Tripp counties. Many members have limited resources.
SD	Mike Rounds, John Thune	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	Day County	\$90,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase ambulances and equipment from the current privately owned ambulance service, whose owners are retiring. Day County does not have another ambulance service, nor were any of the surrounding counties able to provide the needed services, which would leave Day County residents with a huge gap in their emergency service care. The applicant will use the funds to purchase the equipment portion of the current ambulance service. The grant will also allow Day County to upgrade two ambulances and purchase an automated chest compression system. Ambulance services are a necessity during normal times, but the pandemic created even more urgency. As a front-line provider, it is imperative they be able to reach and stabilize patients in their service area.



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SD	Mike Rounds, John Thune	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	Wagner Community Memorial Hospital	\$661,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase a computerized topography (CT) scanner, vaccine refrigerator and freezer, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system. This equipment will allow Wagner Community Memorial Hospital to offer quality services in rural areas. During the COVID-19 pandemic the CT scanner usage increased significantly, which decreased its useful life. The hospital also is updating their vaccine storage equipment, which is important for their service area and other service areas, as the Wagner Community Memorial Hospital is a distribution point for other clinics in Charles Mix County. The new HVAC system will provide heating and cooling to all areas of the hospital, further mitigating the spread of viruses and bacteria.
SD	Mike Rounds, John Thune	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	Winner Regional	\$138,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase storage equipment, sterilizing machine and a heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system for the hospital pharmacy. Winner Regional Healthcare Center will use the funds to upgrade to a more efficient and effective sterilization storage system. The HVAC system will allow the hospital to mitigate the spread of viruses and bacteria to the hospital pharmacy. Finally, a surgical equipment sterilizing machine will allow Winner Regional Healthcare to treat more patients and enable them to deal with surges during the pandemic and any future medical needs.
SD	Mike Rounds, John Thune	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	Walworth County Care Center Inc.	\$46,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase a heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system for the nursing home. The HVAC system improves their ability to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 along with other viruses and bacteria throughout the facility, protecting patients, staff, and visitors.
			Total	\$2,398,000	