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ESU 5 RECEIVES RUS GRANT

The United States Department of Agriculture announced today that Educational Service Unit No. 5 has been awarded a Rural Utilities Services (RUS) Grant in the amount of \$484,684.

This grant will make it possible to update and replace equipment in the SNDLC static distance learning classrooms and 1st-generation carts. The grant also provides funds for the equipment necessary to upgrade local area networks for the distance-delivered elementary Spanish program.

Work on the project will begin once we have received official notification of the grant award and the necessary paper work for acceptance has been completed.

We are especially proud of our grant writing team for making this grant a reality:

Al Schneider *Administrator*

Duven Penner *Distance Learning Consultant & Lead Writer*

Charles Doyle & Don Ferneding *Co-Directors of SNDLC*

Natalie Brauer *SNDLC Administrative Assistant*

Their efforts in composing and gathering the necessary documentation will provide 41 entities within SNDLC with the funding necessary to make the upgrades a success.

You will be contacted shortly concerning your commitment for in-kind matching dollars and your district's role in meeting the requirements of the grant.

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