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We are happy to inform you that we have received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$19,949,725.00. This grant is awarded to the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe from the Community Change Grant and has been earmarked for the completion of several community projects.

The most anticipated is the completion of the Crescent Street Bridge. FSST Environmental Advancement Project will serve the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe (FSST) in Flandreau, South Dakota. It will create a zero-emission transportation corridor to replace the Crescent Street Bridge damaged in 2022. Preliminary plans include a spot for fishing off the west side of the bridge, a two-lane road, and a biking and walking path on the east side.

This corridor will provide clean transportation options and other infrastructure improvements, including ADA-accessible mobility options. A bike path, with electric bikes available to rent, is planned to begin near our headquarters, crossing through the city, across the new bridge, north to FIS and out to highway 13, turning north to the Wacipi Grounds. Collaboration with the City is ongoing to integrate our new bike path with one currently being planned by the city.

Additionally, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe will partner with the Native Sun Community Power Development to support investments in green infrastructure, including roof retrofits and upgrades, new solar capacity, building weatherization, and the construction of multiple resilience hubs to support tribal operations in cases of emergency.

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