

Black Hills Energy Benefit of Membership

Black Hills Energy participates in the Economic Development program to grow business and expand the economy for communities in the Black Hills of South Dakota. It is mutually beneficial for Black Hills Energy and local communities to create a partnership that works diligently to grow the region's economy. Each participating organization is greatly appreciated, as it provides direct avenues to interact and support our customers. Black Hills Energy works hard every day to be the energy supplier of choice and to improve life with energy. Below are the list of member organizations that Black Hills Energy engaged with in 2018:

Organization: Belle Fourche Development Corp.

2018 Membership Cost:

\$1,000

2018 Organization Mission:

To develop and expand businesses and service opportunities for the community of Belle Fourche. In 2018 work began in several areas to benefit the community including downtown revitalization, youth programs, and marketing.

Organization: Black Hills & Badlands Association

2018 Membership Cost:

\$313

2018 Organization Mission:

Dedicated to promoting the region as an all-season travel destination for the tourism industry in western South Dakota. Tourism plays a huge role in the local economies during the summer and there is a great opportunity to grow off-season tourism.

Organization: Custer Area Development Corp.

2018 Membership Cost:

\$750

2018 Organization Mission:

In 2018 the area surrounding Custer will work to drive community and economic development growth. This goal can be achieved in a variety of ways including attracting new business that not only diversifies but expands the local economy, and provides the means necessary to retain and strengthen current businesses in the Custer area.

Organization: Heart of the Hills Economic Development Corp.

2018 Membership Cost:

\$100

2018 Organization Mission:

The mission of the Heart of the Hills Economic Development Corporation is to develop and expand businesses and service opportunities for the community of Hill City. The leadership and members of the HOHEDC are dedicated to economic growth for new and existing business. Goals will be achieved through the engagement of the local business leaders and the general public.

Organization: Greater Rapid City Area Economic Development Corp.

2018 Membership Cost:

\$5,000

2018 Organization Mission:

To improve the quality of life and increase personal income levels in the greater Rapid City area. This mission is accomplished by fostering a vital business climate that provides quality employment, attracts new business, helps existing businesses, and promotes entrepreneurship.

Organization: South Dakota Chamber & Economic Development Council

2018 Membership Cost:

\$250

2018 Organization Mission:

The South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry will provide leadership to ensure a vigorous and prosperous business climate for the benefit for all South Dakotans.

Organization: Southern Hills Economic Development Corp.

2018 Membership Cost:

\$500

2018 Organization Mission:

The mission of the Southern Hills Economic Development Corporation is to promote economic interest, development and improvement to the quality of life in the Southern Hills of South Dakota and continue providing economic development assistance to existing businesses and/or start-ups located in Fall River County. Recruit new businesses which are seeking to expand and/or relocated. Establish new funding programs which support economic development efforts within the community.

Organization: Sturgis Economic Development Corp.

2018 Membership Cost:

\$1,500

2018 Organization Mission:

To actively pursue economic development through assisting new or expanding businesses in the Sturgis and greater Meade County area. SEDC markets the assets of Sturgis and Meade County to businesses looking to expand, relocate, or start-up. Prospects are developed through targeted strategies of direct sales, trade shows, website, networking and coordination with State and other development partners.