STRENGTHENING CIVICS & HISTORY IN SOUTH DAKOTA K-12 EDUCATION

$900,000 ONE-TIME FUNDING PROPOSAL
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Sustain

- K-12 Social Studies Standards
  1. History
  2. Government
  3. Economics
  4. Geography
- Graduation Requirements
- Student Experiences
- Collaboration

Strengthen

- Elementary Social Studies
- Quality Resources
- Professional Development
- South Dakota Instructional Materials
1. **Pilot Program:** Grants for schools to invest in standards-aligned materials for history and government and to support educators in attending related training.

2. **South Dakota Instructional Materials:** Develop instructional materials and classroom resources as options for schools. Materials for elementary, middle, and high school classrooms will be available for teaching South Dakota history, government, and geography.
   
   1. The materials will include lesson plans, teaching tools, digital primary source documents, historic photos and videos, and interviews with experts. The materials and educator training will be housed online and easily accessible.

3. **Teacher Professional Development:** The department will offer in-person and virtual training options to support teachers in their own knowledge and skills for teaching social studies (ex. American government, U.S. history, SD history, geography, economics, debate, etc.).

4. **Instructional Materials Review:** To support school boards, administrators, and families in making informed, local decisions on textbooks and curricular resources, the department will coordinate reviews of social studies instructional materials and publicly share the degree to which they align with South Dakota’s standards.

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FOCUS
- Support & equip K-12 teachers
- Resources for local decision making
- Real experiences for students

OUTCOMES
- Students who appreciate our country, state, and our story
- Students with experience to engage as informed citizens