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State Water Commission authorizes funding for first phases of permanent flood control in Valley City and Lisbon

The State Water Commission authorized cost-share grants for the first phases of Valley City and Lisbon's permanent flood control projects. Both cities were approved to receive 80% of their eligible project costs in grant funding. In addition, the remaining costs of the projects are eligible for loans from the State Water Commission.

In recent years both cities have been greatly affected by Sheyenne River flooding. The Valley City flood protection plan will use a combination of permanent structures such as clay levees, concrete floodwalls, and removable floodwall closures as protection from future floodwaters. Lisbon's proposed plan is to install a clay levee through an area on the northwest side of the city.

The State Water Commission will allocate funds appropriated in the 2013-2015 biennium for these permanent flood control projects. The total amount of grant and loan funding approved by the Commission was \$12,540,294 for the Valley City project and \$1,775,000 for Lisbon.