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Dakotas Tribes  
To Get Money  
Through  
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Settlement

BY BLAKE NICHOLSON  
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — Tribes in the Dakotas are getting about \$48 million through a nearly \$1 billion settlement between the federal government and tribes across the country over under-funded federal contracts. Tribal colleges in the two states are getting an additional \$7 million.

The deal was announced last week by the Interior Department and leaders from the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Zuni Pueblo and Ramah Chapter of the Navajo Nation. It settles a claim that the government failed to adequately compensate tribes while they managed education, law enforcement and other federal services.

The three tribes were among the lead plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit filed in 1990 on behalf of more than 600 tribes and tribal agencies. The U.S. Supreme Court in 2012 ruled in favor of the tribes, but the \$940 million settlement still must be approved in federal district court.

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With the historic smokestack of the old Rosebud Brewery looming in the background, Jacob Fokken discusses his "Big Idea" which was chosen as the \$10,000 winner of Onward Yankton's contest Monday afternoon. A press conference was held at the Meridian Bridge Plaza. His proposal calls for making Yankton a Missouri River capital for entrepreneurship. To see video from this event, visit [www.yankton.net/](http://www.yankton.net/).

HERE'S THE

# Big Idea

Fokken's Proposal For  
Entrepreneurial Hub  
Wins \$10,000 Prize

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The Big Idea has finally arrived.

After launching the effort last April, Onward Yankton announced Monday the \$10,000 prize winner in its "Big Idea" competition promoting Yankton. The announcement was made at the Meridian Bridge Plaza.

Yankton native Jacob Fokken was chosen winner from among 508 submissions during the 100-day campaign that began last spring. He proposed making Yankton a Missouri River capital for entrepreneurship.

Fokken told the *Press & Dakotan* he doesn't have specific plans for the \$10,000 prize. However, he does want to encourage entrepreneurship, particularly among young people.

"I see this as paying it forward," he said. "I want the \$10,000 to go for something really great."

Fokken graduated last spring from Mount Marty College (MMC) and currently teaches at a Sioux Falls elementary school. He attended Monday's press conference to accept the \$10,000 check.

Fokken said he researched for ideas, but he admitted he also tapped endlessly into his family's and friends' feedback.

"Everybody around me will be



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Jacob Fokken displays the \$10,000 check presented to him Monday after his "Big Idea" was chosen as the winning submission by the Onward Yankton committee. To see video from this event, visit [www.yankton.net/](http://www.yankton.net/).

so glad that they named the 'Big Idea' winner," he joked. "For the last few months, I have been asking everyone around me, 'What do you like about Yankton?' and 'What do you think we could do?'"

Fokken's proposal calls for developing a vibrant downtown "where entrepreneurs call home and the people of Yankton can connect with one another."

This proposal calls for a creative downtown district, including

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## Two Injured In Monday Accident

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Two people were transported to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Monday following a four-vehicle accident near the intersection of Highway 46 and Highway 81.

Yankton deputy fire chief Larry Nickles told the *Press & Dakotan* that shortly after 11 a.m., a semi and three other vehicles collided just east of the intersection on Highway 46.

Nickles said two patients were transported to the hospital with unknown injuries. Helicopters were put on stand-by due to distance, but were ultimately not required.

The highway was closed for nearly two hours while crews cleaned up the accident site.

Nickles said they had to take some extra precautions during the cleanup due to the cargo in one of the vehicles.

"One pickup was carrying bags of bentonite, which is used in the well-drilling process," Nickles said. "The bags exploded on impact and made a large mess on the road that had to be swept up before it

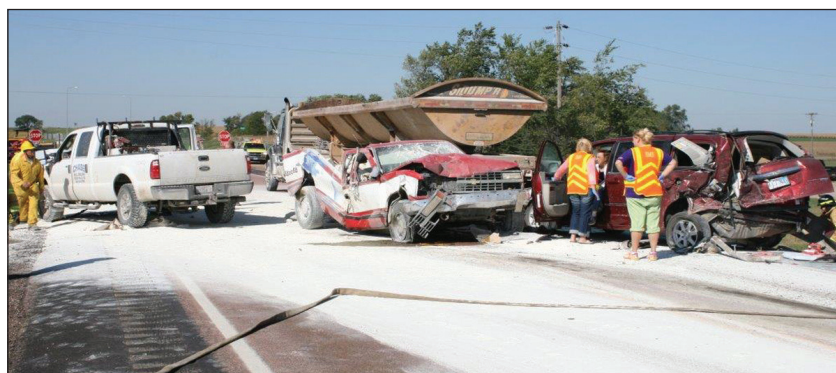


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Two people were transported for medical treatment after a four-vehicle accident near the intersections of highways 81 and 46 north of Yankton at approximately 11 a.m. Monday morning. The accident is under investigation.

could be washed down. Bentonite, when it's wet, is extremely slippery."

The Yankton Fire Department, Irene Fire Department, Yankton County Ambulance, Yankton County Sheriff's Department and South Dakota Highway Patrol and South Dakota Department of

Transportation responded to the incident. The South Dakota Highway Patrol and Yankton County Sheriff's Department are investigating the accident.

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## Commissioners Discuss Options For New Water Plant

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The estimated cost of a new water plant for the city of Yankton is going to be higher than when originally proposed.

The Yankton City Commission met in a public work session Monday night to discuss the prospects of a more expensive water facility and how to go about building it.

Yankton City Manager Amy Nelson said that there's a need to start taking the next steps on updating Water Treatment Plant #3.

"The engineers are about 30 percent through with the design and it's time to make some decisions and talk about the costs," Nelson said. "The plant is going to cost more than we initially anticipated, so tonight, I wanted to get some direction from the commission regarding what options they wanted to pursue and give them an idea



Nelson

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