



CHEYENNE COUNTY

## GRANT AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

December 20, 2019

The Sidney Shooting Park is honored to announce the receipt of a grant from the Cheyenne County Visitors Committee in the amount of \$9,000.

“The Cheyenne County Visitors Committee is pleased by the Commissioners’ decision to assist with funding for the Sidney Shooting Park’s Pistol Shooting Range,” said Hal Enevoldsen, Chair and Brooke DeNovellis, Vice-Chair on behalf of the Cheyenne County Visitors Committee. “The project falls well within our parameters of growing tourism in Cheyenne County by providing a venue that will draw shooters to our county for pistol competitions. The lodging tax funds provided come from people staying in our local lodging establishments, spending money in the community, and with the nearest pistol course of this caliber being in Grand Island or Fort Collins, Sidney is well placed to draw from a broad area for a return on the County’s investment. We applaud the Sidney Shooting Park for their initiative and congratulate them on their addition.”

This grant will fully fund Phase II of SSP’s new Handgun Range project, which will be accomplished by the summer of 2020. The initial Phase I project calls for four covered shooting lanes to be installed. Phase II will take place in early 2020, at which time the size of the pistol range will be doubled by adding a second shelter with enough stations and targets for another four shooting lanes. Upon completion of the project there will be two 20’ x 40’ steel shade structures side by side in the pit, for a total of eight covered lanes.

The new handgun range is intended to be multi-functional, and provide a variety of shooting scenarios for increasing skill levels. People will be able to enjoy basic shooting at static paper targets and steel gongs. In addition, the new range can be set up to host competitive Practical Pistol matches, such as IDPA and Steel Challenge, which are not only exciting sports but a practical way to develop and practice shooting skills such as shooting while moving, shooting at moving or reactive targets, and from behind or to the side of walls and corners.

The Sidney Shooting Park is located in the Sidney Wilderness Area one mile north of Illinois Street (Hwy. 30) on Greenwood Road. It was established in 2005 as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the establishment of a shooting sports facility for the community and the promotion of shooting sports in the greater southwest Panhandle area.

Join us at the Grand Opening of the new SSP Handgun Range on January 4, 2020, starting at 10:00 a.m. Please visit our website at [www.SidneyShootingPark.com/handgun/](http://www.SidneyShootingPark.com/handgun/) for a schedule of events.