

**Biography of Eric Shepherd**  
**Vice Chairman, South Dakota Native Homeownership Coalition**  
**Executive Director, Sisseton Wahpeton Housing Authority**  
**Sisseton, SD**



As Executive Director of the Sisseton Wahpeton Housing Authority since 2018, Shepherd oversees an annual Indian Housing Block Grant Allocation of more than \$4.7 million. Over the past 5 years, his leadership team developed nearly 100 affordable housing dwelling units for the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate tribal membership to help to address the community's housing needs.

Shepherd is an experienced grants administrator overseeing numerous state and federal competitive awards, coordinating partnerships, overseeing 50 plus team members, and ensuring objectives, budgets, and implementation timelines are met. Shepherd is a federally enrolled tribal member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe - Big Coulee District. One of his personal accomplishments is earning a bachelor's degree in political science.