

Vision 2012 Information Sheet

The City of Rapid City is preparing for the third round of 2012 projects coming in 2005. As the City Council prepares for selecting projects for the five year plan, they are looking for citizens to help with the plan of the future.

In April 2004, the City Council established, by ordinance, three committees with a task of looking at possible projects, holding public hearings and making recommendations to the entire City Council on what projects would meet the needs of the community. Each committee will consist of nine members -- all must be residents of Rapid City and can serve on no more than one committee. Each committee will have a Chairman and Vice Chairman. The committees must hold at least two public hearings, giving a ten day notice and take public input on how the funds within their category should be spent. Recommendations are prepared for consideration by the Council and must include a list of projects and the cost. The Council shall accept, amend or reject the recommendations made by any of the three committees.

The three committees established are:

Municipal Infrastructure -- the construction or reconstruction of streets, sewers, storm sewers, water and drainage facilities and municipal buildings. Ordinance 3988 modifying the 2012 Plan requires that 50% of the funds anticipated will be designated to municipal infrastructure.

Civic Improvements -- this is to be facilities or programs that will add to the quality of life for our citizens and must bring with it, an identified long-term funding source for the operation and maintenance. This committee will receive 25% of the anticipated funds.

Economic Development -- these dollars must be dedicated to specific economic development projects or can be loaned for specific projects. Any money loaned for economic development projects under this committee shall be repaid to the City upon terms and conditions established by the City Council. The recipient of money received under this category shall make a report to the Council regarding construction and repayment progress on a quarterly basis or more often if requested by the Council. This committee will receive 25% of the anticipated funds.

If you are interested in serving on one of these important committees, please complete the 2012 Interest Form and return to the Mayor's Office by September 15, 2004. Application forms are available at the Mayor's Office or on the City's web page at www.rcgov.org. A committee consisting of one Council member from each ward will review and score the applications and make a final recommendation to the Council. It is the City Council's desire to have a diverse, broad range group of citizens with expertise and no special agenda, to help guide the selection process. Applications must be fully completed to avoid the possibility of being disqualified.

The Vision 2012 Program comes from the half-cent sales tax and has been in existence since 1995. Please visit the city web site for a review of projects funded by this program in the past. We encourage citizens to apply and help plan the future of our community. It is through the power of vision and planning that our community will continue to grow and prosper.