

Gwendolyn L. Stearns Foundation

Application for Funding

Our organization has been selected by the Board of Directors of the Gwendolyn L. Stearns Foundation to apply for a 2010 grant. Please complete the following application. A final decision on your request will be made in the fall of 2010.

Date of Application: **7-23-10**

Organization Tax ID Number: **N/A**

Name of Organization: **Rapid City Beautification Committee**

Address: **2915 Canyon Lake Drive – Rapid City Parks Department**

City: **Rapid City**

State: **South Dakota**

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2915 Canyon Lake Drive

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Title: **Committee Chairman**

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Amount Requested: **\$25,000**

Geographical Area Served: **We serve the City of Rapid City**

Organization Information: (brief history/purpose of your organization):

See attached Mission statement within the By-laws.

Attach the Following Documents:

1. A summary detailing how 2009 grant funds were spent (if received) – ***detail attached***
2. A budget detailing project expenses for 2010 grant requests
The Budget is contained within the summary of the Purpose of Grant
3. A copy of your organizations most recent tax exemption letter from the IRS
This committee is a volunteer committee falling under the direction of the Rapid City City Council and Mayor, therefore no IRS tax exemption letter exists for this committee.
4. A completed and signed 2010 Exempt Status Confirmation letter (enclosed)
Not Applicable as stated above
5. A Copy of your Articles of Incorporation and any amendments
The Rapid City Beautification Committee's By-Laws are attached herewith

6. A copy of your latest Form 990 with the IRS
Not Applicable as stated above
7. A list of names of your Board of Directors and Officers



Rapid City Beautification Committee

Board of Directors

The Mayor and City Council
Parks and Recreation Department

Committee Officers

Steve Doshier, Chairperson
Duane Baumgartner, Vice-Chairperson

Committee Members

Jacque Allen, member
Thomas Allen, Member
David Butler, member
DelRita Schouten, member
Suzanne Wilson, member

City of Rapid City Liaison Members

Jerry Cole, Parks and Recreation
Andrew Chlebek, Code Enforcement
Rod Johnson, City Engineering
Lon VanDeusen, Parks & Recreation
Karen Olson, Former City Councilmember
Jason Green, City Attorney's Office
Randy Lyons, Landscape Architect
Cathy Robeson, Garden Club
Debbie Ellerton, Parks Division Secretary

State Department of Transportation Liaison

Todd Seaman, DOT Engineer Representative

PURPOSE OF GRANT REQUEST

To beautify Founder's Park phase of the Omaha Street Corridor Enhancement Project

GRANT PLAN: Granted funds will solely be used for landscaping which include the planting of trees, shrubs, and vegetation at the new Founder's Park phase of the Omaha Street corridor enhancement project.

The City of Rapid City in planning this area has been working with our committee to insure that landscaping will be a beautiful integrated and planned project. This will further promote the Mayor's second priority in the 2020 Strategic Plan for Rapid City as expressed in the public survey conducted by the City.

The Rapid City Beautification Committee wishes to be an active participant in the landscaping beautification of this complex which will be well-used by our citizens.

We also feel that this area will become a permanent "draw" for others not living in Rapid City, but who will attend to participate and/or be spectators for events at this new area. We feel that the enhanced and planned landscaping of this area is very appropriate, timely, and in the best interests of all of our citizens. With the aide of the planned landscaping this area will be well received by local and non-local individuals.

The City will over-see this planned landscaping project and this committee has been involved since its inception in the area of beautification.

This committee has always appreciated the Gwendolyn L. Stearns Foundation support and we intend to see that these monies will be completely distributed as they have been for previously granted funds.

2009 Grant Funds Spending Summary

The entire balance of the 2009 granted funds will be spent adding landscaping in and around the Parkview Tennis Complex. The City's Parks & Rec Department under the supervision and guidance of Mr. Lon VanDeusen will oversee this endeavor. Through a bidding process, we will use the funds to participate in the landscaping phase of the project.

It should be noted that this committee is eagerly awaiting the completion of the bidding process for this project. We have been assured that an irrigation system will be included in the project so that the landscaping materials will flourish and be well maintained.

The committee is confident that the City is on right path to accomplishing the project to completion.

We have been VERY careful NOT to permit any of these funds to be used for infrastructure, but only for the purchase of landscaping items.

It should also be noted that an earlier grant which we received was used to apply for a national grant. We were notified recently that the Gwendolyn L. Stearns Foundation's original grant permitted the City to receive well over \$250,000. More on this will follow as the Federal funds become available to the city. The St. Joseph Street Tree Project (1st to 5th Street) is currently under construction. The contract was awarded to Rangel Construction