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U.S. EPA, Region 8

Environmental Education Grants

1595 Wynkoop Street

Denver, CO 80200-1129

Attention: Wendy Drew

Re: Environmental Education Grant
Rapid City, South Dakota


Dear Ms. Drew,

On Behalf of the City of Rapid City, I would like to express my support of the Rapid City Solid Waste Division as they apply for Environment Education Grant opportunities from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Should Rapid City receive this grant, funding is planned to go toward the Education Center, a future expansion at the landfill. Filled with hands on learning tools, the Education Center will project our community with education lessons, garden supplies and tools, and activities providing students and citizens with hands-on knowledge and awareness of The Three R's: Reduce – Reuse – Recycle. The Education Center will provide not only an interactive learning environment but will also teach sustainability and affects of human impact on ecosystem services.

The City of Rapid City is looking forward to this partnership with Beth-Anne Ferley as the Education Center comes to fruition in its education of our young people in our area.

Sincerely,


Mayor Sam Kooiker
City of Rapid City





Oglala Sioux Tribe

Environmental Protection Program
PO Box 2008 * Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770



TO: RC Solid Waste Ops-Recycling Educator- Beth-Anne Ferley

FR: OST/EPP Director – Suzy Mesteth

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SM", written over the name "Suzy Mesteth".

RE: Letter of Commitment & Support

DT: November 5, 2012

I am sending this memo to show that I am in full support and committed to using and promoting the Rapid City Solid Waste Operations Recycling Education Center. I look forward to working with you and your facility on the efforts of recycling.
Thank you



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Zion Lutheran School would be interested in a partnership with Beth-Anne Ferley, Recycling Educator for the City of Rapid City Solid Waste Division as she applies for an Environmental Education grant from the EPA. It is our understanding that this grant would be used for the indoor furnishings of the Education Center at the landfill.

It is also our understanding that through this grant Rapid City Solid Waste Division will be constructing a Recycling Education Center as part of a Citizen Campus. The Education Center will be filled with hands-on learning tools, education lessons, garden supplies and tools, and service learning activities that will be used to increase knowledge and awareness of the three R's: reduce-reuse-recycle and environmental sustainability. South Dakota Education Standards will be addressed for third grade science, technology, environment and society. Standard 3.S.1.1 especially focuses on students recognizing ways to reduce reuse recycle and reduce consumption of natural resources. These standards will be the main emphasis of the Education Center. This grant will focus on third grade students, of which Zion will participate. Future focus will include preschool through fifth grade students. All of our teachers have expressed an interest in this project and plan to participate as the project is completed. The Education Center would be used to support our teachers in their lessons and to change students recycling behaviors.

Currently Zion is in the beginning phases of a recycling program for our church and school. Zion's current enrollment is 166 students. However we will also include members of our church's youth group in our recycling program.

We look forward to working with Beth-Anne Ferley as this project progresses.

In service to the Master Teacher,

Priscilla Sayles
Principal