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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal and Finance

FROM: Sandy Smith, Long Range Planner I

DATE: April 8, 2014

RE: 14TP013 - Community Walk Audit grant

The South Dakota Department of Health is offering a \$5000 grant for a Community Walk Audit. If awarded, the grant funds would assist with promoting a healthier community and lifestyle for residents. A walk audit would be conducted in multiple corridors to better understand the public views of walking throughout the City of Rapid City. Walk audits are an achievable assessment that can be utilized to further educate the community on the benefits of walking. So that communities can develop an action plan to address issues identified during the audit.

The walk audit grant is a yearlong program that can help generate ideas and feedback for both short and long term planning goals. This is a way to better understand the opinions of the community members. The proposal team will include community members from the tourism industry, local businesses, South Dakota School of Mines staff, members from downtown associations, Pioneering Healthier Communities Committee, as well as various city staff.

The grant application will include a timeline of events to finalize the walk audit planning team, planning and preparing the walk audit, conducting various walk audits, an analysis of walk audits, and evaluating the walk audit results.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends authorizing submission of the South Dakota Department of Health Walk Audit Grant and receipt of funds associated with the grant.



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