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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal & Finance Committee

FROM: Sarah Hanzel, Planner II

DATE: March 16, 2016

RE: Historic Preservation Commission Certified Local Government Grant

Application for 2016-2017

The Historic Preservation Commission requests authorization to submit the application for the 2016-2017 Certified Local Government Grant in the amount of \$24,000 and receipt of funds if awarded. The grant will fund the administrative duties of the Historic Preservation Commission, a downtown area architectural survey, educational workshops for the community, and for Historic Preservation Commission member and staff training.

The commission proposes to focus the architectural survey on the area east of 5th Street and other portions of the downtown which may have structures that are eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places but are not currently inventoried. In addition, the Commission proposes to support State Historic Preservation Office staff in undergoing a windshield survey of the existing Commercial Historic District to evaluate what changes have occurred over the last 18 years, thus saving the cost of a full survey.

In order to stay current on historic preservation methodologies, train new Commission members, and comply with the requirements of the Certified Local Governments Agreement, the Commission members shall participate in training sessions offered at the local, regional, State and National (if applicable) level. In addition, the Commission will develop and administer a public education program to the Rapid City Community.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Authorize submission of the Historic Preservation Commission Certified Local Government grant application for 2016-2017 and receipt of funds if awarded.

