



CITY OF RAPID CITY

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA 57701-2724



Rapid City Beautification Committee

April 6, 2005

City Council
300 6th Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

RE: ISTE A grant application

Dear City Council members,

The Rapid City Beautification Committee is requesting permission to authorize the preparation of an ISTE A grant application in the total amount of \$138,500. The Beautification Committee obtained a \$25,000 grant from the Stearns Foundation to be used as matching funds for an Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act (ISTEA) grant application. The Stearns Foundation grant is to be used for plant materials only. The Committee is proposing to use the ISTE A grant to beautify St. Joseph Street with additional plantings of trees, shrubs, and other greenery at the "Corner Parks".

At this time, the Committee is proposing to complete the portion of the St. Joseph Street Landscaping project from 6th Street to 2nd Street with the ISTE A grant and the Stearns Foundation grant; however, the Committee would like to see the nodes and landscaping continue on to East Boulevard. The additional cost to complete the project is approximately \$101,500. Unfortunately, the total match amount required to complete the project is not available at this time. The cost estimates for the requested ISTE A grant and the Stearns Foundation grant are attached.

The Beautification Committee requests authorization to prepare the ISTE A grant and to bring the grant application back to the City Council for approval.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me or Jim White, Vice-Chairperson.

Sincerely,

Craig Grotenhouse, Chairperson
Rapid City Beautification Committee



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