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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal & Finance Committee

FROM: Barbara Garcia, Community Development Specialist *BG*

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RE: City Council Preliminary Approval for an Amendment to Add Additional High Priority Needs and Goals to the Rapid City Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2003-2007).

HUD requires the City of Rapid City to develop and implement a Five Year Consolidated Plan for Community Development and addressing the needs of low income people in the community in order to receive and use federal dollars, such as Community Development Block Grant funds, HOME funds, Low Income Housing Tax Credit funds and Special Economic Development Initiative funds within the community.

The City developed and approved a five year plan for FY 2003 to FY 2007, which identifies the high priority projects and issues affecting low income residents that need to be addressed. The City of Rapid City has or is in the process of accomplishing many of the high priority items identified in the Plan.

Last year the Mayor formed a Housing Task Force to identify the affordable housing needs of the community and provide recommendations to the Council on how to fill those needs. In September 2005 the Black Hills Region Homeless Coalition conducted a Housing Needs Assessment to identify what services low income clients are using, what services they still need, what services are not currently provided, what the affordable housing issues are, and to try to quantify those needs. The information provided in the Assessment was used by the Housing Task Force is identifying, quantifying, and prioritizing housing and service needs.

The Housing Task Force presented a report on the needs, priorities and possible funding sources to the City Council at the April 5, 2006 Information Meeting. Some of the identified issues were not identified as high priority needs in the 2003 Five Year Consolidated Plan. It is the recommendation of the Housing Task Force and Staff that the Consolidated Plan be



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amended to include/and or change priority status to High for the following high priority needs and add goal numbers:

I. Homeless and Special Needs Population - Individuals

Emergency Shelter	Change from Medium to High Priority	Goal 105 units
Transitional Housing	Change from Medium to High Priority	Goal 310 units
Permanent Housing	Add goal	Goal 25 units

II. Homeless and Special Needs Population – Families with children

Emergency Shelter	Add goal	Goal 75 units
Transitional Housing	Add goal	Goal 24 units
Permanent Housing	Add Assisted Living Chronically Mentally III	Goal 24 units

III. Rental Units – Subsidized Apartments

Grants for construction, acquisition or rehab costs – Add goal	Goal 300 units
Low income rentals for single persons – efficiency apartments	Goal 20 units
Low income rentals for single persons – one bedroom apartments	Goal 30 units

IV, Special Populations - Handicap Accessibility Modifications

Handicap accessibility modifications – Owner occupied homes	Goal 35 units
Handicap accessibility modifications – Rental units	Goal 40 units

V. Owner Occupied Housing – Rehabilitation

Low Income Home owners and Mobile Home owners	Goal 100 units
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VI. Home Ownership for Low to Moderate Income People (<80% of median income)

Acquisition Cost Assistance	Goal 250 units
Establishment of Scattered Site Land Trust	Goal 250 units

VII. Economic Development & Job Creation

Micro Enterprise Loans for low income people	Goal 75 loans
Job Training programs for low income people	Goal 250 clients

Changes to the Consolidated Plan will require public notification, a public comment period, final review by City Council and submission to HUD.

Staff Recommendation is for City Council to provide preliminary approval of an amendment to the Five Year Consolidated Plan for 2003-2007 for the addition/change to High Priority of the seven activities and goal numbers as listed above in this memorandum.