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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal & Finance Committee

FROM: Barbara Garcia, Community Development Specialist

DATE: July 12, 2006

RE: Authorization for Mayor to sign the Intent to Release Funds for a Project Located in the 100 Year Floodplain, the Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact, the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Grant Funds, the HUD Request for Release of Funds and the Certification form for the Central States Fair, Inc.

Staff is seeking City Council authorization for the Mayor to sign the Intent to Release Funds for a Project Located in the 100 Year Floodplain, the Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Grant Funds and the HUD Request for Release of Funds and Certification form for the Central States Fair, Inc. The project will use an Economic Development Initiative Grant for a paved parking lot, exterior lighting and drainage mitigation at the Pennington County Fairgrounds, west of the Concession Midway.

HUD has awarded Central States Fair, Inc. \$350,000 of Economic Development Initiative FY 2002 Special Project Grant funds for the construction of a paved parking lot west of the Concession Midway, installation of new exterior lighting for the parking lot and drainage mitigation needed for the project.

The Community Development Division has accomplished an Environmental Review of this project and has determined that there will be no adverse impact on the environment as long as the required mitigations are accomplished. A 15-day public comment period has been completed with no public comments received. The Request for Release of Funds and Certification must be sent to HUD in Denver for concurrence and a 15 day comment period before Central States Fair, Inc. may request their draws from HUD in Washington D.C.



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Mitigation required by the Environmental Review must also be certified by an Engineer prior to HUD release of funds.

No City funds or Rapid City Community Block Grant Funds are being used for this project. No fee was collected for the performance of an Environmental Review for this project. Central States Fair, Inc. was exempted from the fee for this Environmental Review at the April 18, 2005 City Council Meeting.

Staff Recommendation: City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Grant Funds and the HUD Request for Release of Funds and Certification.