

Gwendolyn L. Stearns Foundation

Application for Funding

Your organization has been selected by the Board of Directors of the Gwen Stearns Foundation to apply for a 2007 grant.

Please complete the following. A final decision on your request will be made in the Fall of 2007.

Date of Application: **7-21-2007** Organization Tax ID Number: **N/A**

Name of Organization: **Rapid City Beautification Committee**

Address: **300 6th Street – C/SAC Building**

City: **Rapid City** State: **South Dakota** Zip Code: **57701**

Telephone: **605 394-4120** Fax:

Primary Contact: **Jim White** Title: **Committee Chairman**

Telephone: **605 394-4033 / 341-4412** Fax: **394-1889**

Organization Information

Brief history/purpose of your organization (Mission Statement):

See attached Mission statement within the By-laws.

Geographic area served: (Projects outside of Rapid City will not be considered)

See attached “Mayor’s Beautification Committee – Prioritized Project List”

If your organization operates from multiple locations, please provide the address for the location where the requested funds will be used:

N/A

Purpose of Grant request:

Our grant request has NO contingency request as in past grant applications.

MAIN GRANT PLAN: Granted funds will solely be used to plant trees, shrubs, and vegetation in parks and areas deemed appropriate by our Committee in concert with the City Parks & Rec Department. The intent is to plant new trees, shrubs, and vegetation in areas seeing died-offs and in new areas being designed.

Our past grants have been contingent upon Federal Highway Administration approval for 4:1 matching funds, but because this process has been long, long overdue, this committee wishes to see immediate results impacting the beauty of this area, and will direct that these funds will be spent in 365 calendar days once received. As chairman of this committee, I will direct their expenditures.

This grant will also see additional trees and vegetation in the downtown areas and vegetation which can survive in our drought-like conditions will be placed in our present "Welcome to Rapid City" signage areas. We will also earmark some funds for planting materials at the new "Welcome to Rapid City" sign now in design and to be located on the south-east approach at the Catron Boulevard and S Hwy 79 bridge for visitors to see approaching the city from the south.

This committee has lobbied long and hard for a welcome sign placement at this bridge access area and DOT has approved our request to do so. There is irrigation at this location and no monies will be spent for any infrastructure. This newly designed sign will replace the old welcome sign removed during the S Hwy 79 reconstruction project.

This committee has always appreciated the Gwendolyn Stearns Foundation support and we intend to see that these monies will be completely spent within the calendar year following your approval.

Amount requested: \$50,000

(Note: Funding requests for building/construction will not be considered)

Attach the Following Documents:

- A copy of your organizations most recent tax exemption letter from the IRS.
This committee is a volunteer committee falling under the direction of the Rapid City City Council and Mayor, therefore no IRS tax exemption letter exists for this committee.
- A list of names of your Board of Directors and Officers
- A Project budget detailing project expenses
- Copy of your Articles of Incorporation and any amendments
- A copy of your latest Form 990 files with the Internal Revenue Service