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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal and Finance Committee

FROM: Barbara Garcia, Community Development Specialist

DATE: July 21, 2008

RE: **Council approval and authorization for the Mayor to sign a Weed & Seed Grant Application**

Staff is seeking City Council approval for the Community Resources Department in conjunction with the Rapid City Police Department to complete and submit an application for a Weed & Seed Grant Application for a reentry program to assist people being released from incarceration with their reentry to the community. Reentry services will include assistance in finding housing, jobs, and supportive services needed for a successful transition back into the community as a productive member of society. It is the goal of the program to reduce the high cost of incarceration and recidivism.

A long range strategy is being developed in partnership with non-profit and faith based organizations for a comprehensive one-stop reentry assistance center and services.

We will request the maximum funding allocation allowed consistent with the needs of our program.

If the City should be accepted for funding, the acceptance and signing of the funding contract would have to come back before Council for review and approval.

Staff Recommendation is that Council direct staff to submit an application for a Weed & Seed Grant and authorize the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer to sign the application.



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