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Narrative:

On July 17, 2009 the US Department of Transportation posted the 2009 Small Community Air Service Development Grant. The grant is designed to provide financial assistance to small communities to help them enhance their air service. The grant needs to be administered through a government agency such as the City of Rapid City. In the past the City of Rapid City and the Black Hills Air Service Task Force has been awarded a similar grant in the amount of \$1.4 million to support its incumbent airlines, create incentives to attract tourism and aviation related jobs, and use marketing techniques to recruit additional carriers to Rapid City and the region. The Black Hills Air Service Task Force (now the Black Hills Air Service Partnership) plans on applying for the grant again to continue to its vital work of enhancing air service to the region. The amount of the grant is undetermined at this time and will be determined at the time of the application. Since the time frame on the grant is limited (deadline: August 28, 2009), the Black Hills Air Service Partnership along with the Rapid City Airport Board of Directors would like the city council approval to submit the application for the grant.