



CITY OF RAPID CITY

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA 57701-2724



Rapid City Beautification Committee

Memorandum

To: City Council
Legal and Finance Committee

From: Steve Doshier, Chairman
Rapid City Beautification Committee

Date: July 11, 2011

Re: Gwendolyn L. Stearns Foundation Grant

The Rapid City Beautification Committee is requesting permission to apply for a grant from the Gwendolyn L. Stearns Foundation in the amount of \$15,000. This grant will require no matching funds.

The committee is requesting the funds to be used for purchasing landscaping materials as part of the Vickie Powers Park Project. The funds will be used to add shade trees and shrubs to enhance the Vickie Powers Park area. The Stearns Foundation Grant can only be used to purchase plant materials. It cannot be used for infrastructure or irrigation materials.

Recommendation: The Beautification Committee recommends approval of the request to submit a Gwendolyn L. Stearns Foundation grant for \$15,000.

Gwendolyn L. Stearns Foundation

Application for Funding

Our organization has been selected by the Board of Directors of the Gwendolyn L. Stearns Foundation to apply for a 2011 grant. Please complete the following application. A final decision on your request will be made in the fall of 2011.

Date of Application: **7-11-11**

Organization Tax ID Number: **N/A**

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

Address: **2915 Canyon Lake Drive – Rapid City Parks Department**

City: **Rapid City**

State: **South Dakota**

Zip Code: **57701**

Telephone: **605 394-4175**

Fax: 605-394-5307

Email: steve.doshier@hillsmaterials.com

jerry.cole@rcgov.org

Primary Contact: **Steve Doshier**
2915 Canyon Lake Drive
Rapid City SD 57702-1804

Title: **Committee Chairman**

Telephone: **(605) 394-3300**

Fax: **(605) 341-3446/394-4175**

Amount Requested: **\$15,000**

Geographical Area Served: **We serve the City of Rapid City**

Organization Information: (brief history/purpose of your organization):

See attached Mission statement within the By-laws.

Attach the Following Documents:

1. A summary detailing how previous grant funds were spent (if received) – *detail attached*
2. A budget detailing project expenses for 2011 grant requests
The Budget is contained within the summary of the Purpose of Grant
3. 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.
4. A completed and signed 2011 Exempt Status Confirmation letter (enclosed)
Not Applicable as stated above
5. A Copy of your Articles of Incorporation and any amendments
The Rapid City Beautification Committee's By-Laws are attached herewith

6. A copy of your latest Form 990 with the IRS
Not Applicable as stated above
7. A list of names of your Board of Directors and Officers



Rapid City Beautification Committee

Board of Directors

The Mayor and City Council
Parks and Recreation Department

Committee Officers

Steve Doshier, Chairperson
Duane Baumgartner, Vice-Chairperson

Committee Members

Jacque Allen, Member
Thomas Allen, Member
Nick Davis, Member
Jessica Hawn, Member
Tom Horan, Member
Melanie Jeppesen, Member
Cathy Robeson, Member
DelRita Schouten, Member
Chris Wehrle, Member
Suzanne Wilson, Member

City of Rapid City Liaison Members

Jerry Cole, Parks and Recreation
Andrew Chlebek, Code Enforcement
Rod Johnson, City Engineering
Lon Van Deusen, Parks & Recreation
Randy Lyons, Landscape Architect
Debbie Ellerton, Administrative Secretary

State Department of Transportation Liaison

Tom Horan, DOT Engineer Representative

PURPOSE OF GRANT REQUEST

To beautify Vickie Powers Park located in North Rapid City west of Haines Avenue

GRANT PLAN: Granted funds will solely be used for landscaping which include the planting of trees, shrubs, and vegetation at the new Vickie Powers Park project.

The City of Rapid City in planning this area has been working with our committee to insure that landscaping will be a beautiful integrated and planned project. This will further promote the Mayor's second priority in the 2020 Strategic Plan for Rapid City as expressed in the public survey conducted by the City.

The Rapid City Beautification Committee wishes to be an active participant in the landscaping beautification of this complex which will be well-used by our citizens.

This is the first park development north of Interstate 90 for a rapid growing neighborhood which has not had a park until now. We feel that the enhanced and planned landscaping of this area is very appropriate, timely, and in the best interests of all of our citizens. With the aide of the planned landscaping this area will be well received by local and non-local individuals. The committee feels it is important to distribute our landscaping funds to all areas of Rapid City. North Rapid City has not received the benefit of beautification projects from this committee.

The City will over-see this planned landscaping project and this committee has been involved since its inception in the area of beautification.

This committee has always appreciated the Gwendolyn L. Stearns Foundation support and we intend to see that these monies will be completely distributed as they have been for previously granted funds.

STEARNS FOUNDATION GRANTS SUMMARY

\$25,000 (2004) - Received November 2004 - \$25,000 for additional plantings of trees, shrubs, and other greenery on the downtown "Corner Parks" from 5th Street to East Boulevard. Funds to be used as 25% match for ISTE A grant. If ISTE A money is not available, funds are to be used for plantings as stated. City Council gave an additional \$25,000 as a match. (FUNDED BY ISTE A JUNE 2009) – This project was **COMPLETED** and funds transferred in June 2011.

\$25,000 (2005) - Received December 2005 -\$25,000 for additional plantings to be added to the 2004 funding for trees, shrubs, flowers, or other similar materials on the "Corner Parks" from W. Blvd to E. Blvd on both St. Joseph Street and Main Street. Funds will be used as 25% match for ISTE A grant. If ISTE A money is not available, funds are to be used for plantings as stated. (FUNDED BY ISTE A JUNE 2009) – This project was **COMPLETED** and funds transferred in June 2011.

\$12,500 (2006) - Received November 2006 - \$12,500 for plant materials for the Sheridan Lake Road/Canyon Lake Drive areas around the Post baseball fields. (**COMPLETED**)

\$25,000 (2007) - Received November 2007 - \$25,000 for new trees, shrubs, and vegetation as replacement plantings or for new areas in our Parks Department. Money can also be used for downtown areas and in the "Welcome to Rapid City" signage areas. Some money to be used for the S Hwy 79 welcome sign. (\$21,867 paid in July 2009). Remainder **COMPLETED** and funds disbursed in June 2011.

\$17,500 (2008) - Received September 2008 - \$17,500 for trees, shrubs, and vegetation in parks and areas deemed appropriate by our Committee in concert with the Parks Department. Money to be included for planting materials for a short section of Mt. Rushmore Road between Omaha Street and St. Joseph Street. Money will augment last year's grant with addition trees and vegetation in the downtown areas. Project **COMPLETED** and money disbursed June 2011.

\$12,500 (2009) - Received December 2009 - \$12,500 for shade trees and shrubs at the new tennis courts at Parkview Drive. **Pending**

\$20,000 (2010)- Received October 2010 -Landscaping in and around the Founder's Park phase of the Omaha Street corridor enhancement project. **Pending**

The entire balance of the 2009 and 2010 granted funds will be spent adding landscaping in and around the Founder's Park phase of the Omaha Street corridor enhancement project and shade trees and shrubs at the new tennis courts and restroom facility at the Parkview complex. The City's Parks & Recreation Department under the supervision and guidance of Mr. Jerry Cole will oversee both these endeavors. Through a bidding process, we will use the funds to participate in the landscaping phase of the projects.

It should be noted that this committee is eagerly awaiting the completion of the bidding process for these projects. We have been assured that an irrigation system will be included in the project so that the landscaping materials will flourish and be well maintained.

The committee is confident that the City is on right path to accomplishing the projects to completion.

We have been VERY careful NOT to permit any of these funds to be used for infrastructure, but only for the purchase of landscaping items.

It should also be noted that an earlier grant which we received was used to apply for a national grant. We were notified recently that the Gwendolyn L. Stearns Foundation's original grant permitted the City to receive well over \$250,000. More on this will follow as the Federal funds become available to the city. The St. Joseph Street Tree Project (1st to 5th Street) construction is completed and the funds have been expended.