

November 14, 2022

Mayor David Ruth, Jr City of Deadwood 102 Sherman Street Deadwood, SD 57732

Dear Mayor Ruth,

Thank you for your sponsorship of the 2023 South Dakota Festival of Books. Please accept this letter as our request for payment of the \$10,000 budget award from the City of Deadwood and the \$10,000 budget award from the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission.

Because of your generosity, thousands of South Dakotans and other visitors will converge on Deadwood to enjoy free literary events at our 21st annual event September 22-24, 2023. We are grateful for the City of Deadwood and Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission's continued support of the state's premier literary event.

This partnership provides opportunity for strong community participation and a valuable experience for readers and writers alike. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ann Volin, Executive Director (605) 688-6114

CC: Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer

CC: Ronda Morrison, Asst. Finance Officer