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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 9, 2023
To: Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission
From: Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer
Re: South Dakota Humanities Council 2023 Festival of Books – Sponsorship Request

The South Dakota Humanities Council is requesting sponsorship funds of \$10,000 for the 2023 Festival of Books. This year's festival is scheduled for September 22-24, 2023 in Deadwood. This will be a great opportunity for readers to meet their favorite writers as well as welcome authors and booklovers alike to our unique town. The festival, held mainly within downtown Deadwood, is family-friendly, and sure to appeal to a wide range of interests and ages.

Staff recommends approval of this request. The Historic Preservation Commission did include this item as a budgeted item to come out of Public Education/Advocacy.

Recommend Motion: *Move to recommend to the City Commission to approve the sponsorship request of \$10,000 to the South Dakota Humanities Council for the 2023 Festival of Books to be paid out of Public Education/Advocacy.*