

July 29th, 2026

Kevin Kuchenbecker  
Planning and Zoning Administrator and Historic Preservation Officer  
108 Sherman Street  
Deadwood, SD 57732

Dear Mr. Kuchenbecker,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Deadwood History, Inc. (DHI), thank you for inviting DHI to submit the attached 2027 funding request to the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). It has been a pleasure partnering with the HPC over the past year, expanding the reach of both organizations within the community and exploring new opportunities to collaborate with local partners in support of historic preservation, educational programming, and cultural initiatives.

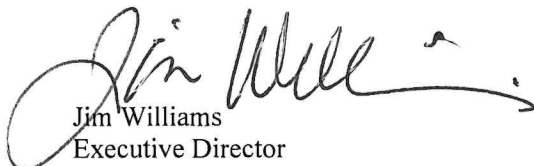
DHI remains deeply committed to our mission to engage, inspire, and preserve the history and culture of Deadwood and the Black Hills. We recognize the profound responsibility entrusted to us, not only to preserve the artifacts and historic resources in our care, but also to serve as an educational resource and an economic contributor to the community. The Historic Preservation Commission plays a vital role in making this work possible, and we sincerely appreciate your continued partnership and investment in our shared mission.

In 2027, DHI will continue providing meaningful educational and cultural experiences for both residents and visitors. With a dedicated staff of nearly 40 employees and more than 74,000 annual visitor interactions across our museums, programs, and events, we remain committed to delivering innovative exhibits, engaging public programming, and memorable special events. In addition to lectures, book signings, conference hosting, school programs, and specialty tours, we will continue strengthening our partnerships with Deadwood Alive, the Deadwood Chamber of Commerce, Outlaw Square, the Deadwood Main Street Initiative, and, of course, the Historic Preservation Commission. These collaborative efforts enhance the visitor experience while enriching the quality of life for those who call Deadwood home.

We have valued the opportunity to help plan and celebrate Deadwood's 150th anniversary. The relationships and partnerships strengthened through this community-wide effort have been invaluable, and we look forward to carrying that spirit of collaboration into the years ahead.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit our 2027 funding request. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are grateful for your time, consideration, and continued leadership in preserving and promoting the rich history of our community.

Sincerely, ~



Jim Williams  
Executive Director  
Deadwood History, Inc.

**Deadwood History, Inc.**  
**Deadwood Historic Preservation Funding Request**  
**For Budget Cycle 2027**

|                             | Adams House     |    | Adams Museum    |    | Days of '76 Museum |    | HARCC           |    | The Brothel |    | Deadwood History, Inc. |    | Totals       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|--------------------|----|-----------------|----|-------------|----|------------------------|----|--------------|
|                             | Funding Request |    | Funding Request |    | Funding Request    |    | Funding Request |    | Deadwood    |    | Contribution           |    |              |
| Artifact Conservation       | \$ 11,308.20    | \$ | 26,736.76       | \$ | 51,649.29          | \$ | 10,350.00       | \$ | -           | \$ | 72,573.42              | \$ | 172,617.67   |
| Interpretation              | \$ 47,794.18    | \$ | 47,820.83       | \$ | 40,920.47          | \$ | 27,650.00       |    |             |    | 47,109.12              | \$ | 211,294.60   |
| Marketing                   | \$ 15,897.62    | \$ | 20,442.41       | \$ | 17,430.24          | \$ | -               | \$ | -           | \$ | 31,479.72              | \$ | 85,249.99    |
| Administrative              | \$ -            | \$ | -               | \$ | -                  | \$ | -               | \$ | -           | \$ | 705,148.63             | \$ | 705,148.63   |
| Fassbender Photo Collection | \$ -            | \$ | -               | \$ | -                  | \$ | -               | \$ | -           | \$ | 20,000.00              | \$ | 20,000.00    |
| Total                       | \$ 75,000.00    | \$ | 95,000.00       | \$ | 110,000.00         | \$ | 38,000.00       | \$ | -           | \$ | 876,310.89             | \$ | 1,194,310.89 |

**Note: In the Days of '76 Artifact Conservation request \$20,000 is allocated for carriage conservation and repair**

**Deadwood History, Inc.'s total funding request is: \$318,000.00**

**Deadwood History Inc.'s contribution is \$ 876,310.89**