



Dear Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission,

As Lead and Deadwood prepare to celebrate 150 years in 2026, the Lead Area Chamber of Commerce seeks funding to promote the collaborative efforts between our communities that will enhance the rich shared history within our sister towns.

This milestone year presents a meaningful opportunity to engage residents and visitors through historically grounded programming. Current planned efforts include an inaugural Volksmarch along the Homestake Trail, highlighting the historic corridor that has long connected our two towns. The Volksmarch plans to include a traditional chuckwagon dinner, offering an immersive and educational experience that reflects the frontier heritage of the era.

In addition, there has been strong community interest in the revival of a historic Deadwood vs. Lead vintage baseball game—an event that reflects the friendly rivalry, community pride, and shared cultural history that helped shape both towns. Following 1876 rules, these players will be garbed with authentic uniforms to bring back the essence of the era.

To support these historic and educational initiatives and to strengthen this cross-community collaboration, we respectfully request funding in the amount of \$10,000. The requested funding would be used to support a fireworks display celebrating both communities and honoring the people, history, and shared legacy of Lead and Deadwood over the past 150 years.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this request further and explore how we can work together to celebrate this milestone year. Thank you for your consideration and continued dedication to preserving the history of this beautiful area.

Sincerely,

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