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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 15, 2024
To: Deadwood City Commission
From: Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer
Re: 150th Anniversary of Custer Expedition and Black Hills Gold Rush
Sponsorship Request

The Custer County Historical Society and the Case Library of Western Historical Studies are sponsoring the "150th Anniversary Commemoration" of the Custer Expedition and the start of the Black Hills Gold Rush. The activities will take place on Sunday, July 21, 2024 and will be free to the public. They are requesting sponsorship from the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission for this event.

Staff has met with Dr. David Wolff and Paul Horsted who are the two main organizers for this historic event. While this is only a one-day event, they are planning numerous educational experiences as part of the celebration. The Custer Expedition begins the gold rush to the Black Hills and leads to the formation of Deadwood.

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed this request at their March 13, 2024 meeting and recommend sponsoring \$2,500 for this event to be paid out of the Public Education line item.

Recommend Motion: *Move to fund the 150th Anniversary Commemoration of the Custer Expedition and the start of the Black Hills Gold Rush Event in the amount of \$2,500 to be paid out of the Public Education line item.*