

DEADWOOD HISTORY, inc.

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Kevin Kuchenbecker
Planning and Zoning and Deadwood Historic Preservation Officer
108 Sherman Street
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Dear Mr. Kuchenbecker,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Deadwood History, Inc. (DHI), thank you for inviting DHI to submit the attached funding request for 2026 to the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). It has been a true pleasure to partner with the HPC over the past year—extending DHI's reach in the community and exploring new ways to collaborate with local organizations in support of historic programming and cultural preservation.

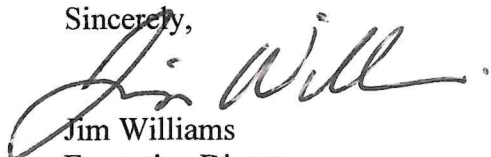
DHI remains deeply committed to our mission to engage, inspire, and preserve the history and culture of Deadwood and the Black Hills region. We recognize the profound responsibility we hold not only in safeguarding the artifacts in our care, but in serving as both an educational resource and an economic contributor to the community. The support provided by the Historic Preservation Commission is a critical role in enabling this work. We are fully aware that the positive impact we make would not be possible without your continued partnership.

In 2026, DHI will continue offering meaningful educational and cultural experiences to community members and visitors alike. With a dedicated team of nearly 40 employees, and more than 74,000 annual interactions, we are committed to delivering innovative exhibits, dynamic public programs, and engaging special events. In addition to lectures, book signings, hosting conference groups, and school and specialty tours, we will maintain a strong focus on enriching our partnerships with Deadwood Alive, the Chamber of Commerce, Outlaw Square, the Deadwood Main Street Initiative, and of course, the Historic Preservation Commission. This collaborative spirit enhances the overall Deadwood experience for guests and residents.

We are especially excited to play an active role in the planning and celebration of Deadwood's 150th founding anniversary, an opportunity to honor our past while looking toward the future.

Thank you again for this opportunity to submit our request. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. We are grateful for your time, consideration, and continued leadership in the community.

Sincerely,



Jim Williams
Executive Director
Deadwood History, Inc.

Deadwood History, Inc.
Deadwood Historic Preservation Funding Request
For Budget Cycle 2026

	Adams House		Adams Museum		Days of '76 Museum		HARCC Funding Request		The Brothel Deadwood		Deadwood History, Inc. Contribution		Totals
	Funding Request		Funding Request		Funding Request		Funding Request		Funding Request		Funding Request		
Artifact Conservation	\$ 19,725.00		\$ 27,593.00		\$ 45,813.00		\$ 20,890.00		\$ -		\$ 53,161.00		\$ 167,182.00
Interpretation	\$ 45,582.00		\$ 57,312.00		\$ 53,872.00		\$ 12,795.00				\$ 190,765.00		\$ 360,326.00
Marketing	\$ 9,693.00		\$ 10,093.00		\$ 10,315.00		\$ 4,315.00		\$ -		\$ 60,584.00		\$ 95,000.00
Administrative	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 500,669.00		\$ 500,669.00
Fassbender Photo Collection	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
Total	\$ 75,000.00		\$ 94,998.00		\$ 110,000.00		\$ 38,000.00		\$ -		\$ 825,179.00		\$ 1,143,177.00

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 \$ 825,179.00

Deadwood History, Inc.
Deadwood Historic Preservation Funding Request
Educational Programming for Budget Cycle 2026

	Historic Preservation Funding Request	Deadwood History, Inc. Contribution	Total
Lectures and Presentations	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Youth and Public Programming	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 10,850.00	\$ 17,350.00
Membership & Marketing	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 12,700.00	\$ 19,200.00
Program Staffing & Administration	\$ -	\$ 60,605.00	\$ 60,605.00
Total	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 86,655.00	\$ 101,655.00

Deadwood History, Inc.'s educational programming funding request is \$15,000.00.

Deadwood History Inc.'s contribution is \$86,655.00