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## **M E M O R A N D U M**

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**Date:** December 11, 2025  
**To:** Deadwood City Commission  
**From:** Kevin Kuchenbecker, Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Officer  
**Re:** Funding Request for Stagecoach needed repairs

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Deadwood Alive has submitted a formal request for funding to aid in the repair costs associated with the Historic Stagecoach. This stagecoach provides rides throughout Main Street and serves as an important attraction, especially during the busy tourist season. Due to its frequent use, ongoing maintenance and repairs are necessary to ensure its continued safe operation and preservation.

Originally, the Historic Preservation Commission owned this vehicle, but due to the potential liability to the City it was given to the Days of 76 Rodeo Committee. Prior to gifting, the repair and upkeep were the responsibility of the commission. Since we contract with Deadwood Alive to ensure the stagecoach is present and operating on Main Street, they are requesting assistance with the ongoing maintenance.

Without timely repairs, the stagecoach risks becoming and could potentially be sidelined during peak visitation periods. Maintaining the integrity of the stagecoach is essential not only for ensuring public safety but also for preserving an important element of Deadwood's living history and visitor experience.

After reviewing the request, the Historic Preservation Commission is recommending approval of the funding in the amount of \$5,000.00. The recommended funds will be allocated from the Public Education line item to support the repairs and upkeep of the Historic Stagecoach.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the funding request to Deadwood Alive for repairs to the Historic Stagecoach in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be paid out of the Public Education line item.