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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 25, 2025
To: Deadwood City Commission
From: Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer
Re: Outside of Deadwood Grant Emergency Request

The Save Our Sandstone group in Hot Springs submitted an emergency Outside of Deadwood Grant to repair fallen plaster on the interior of the structure. This damage has rendered the second story un-safe and the tenant had to move out. Emergency Grant requirements are made exclusively for interim stabilization of a historic property that meets the grant criteria. Unfortunately, failing plaster does not fall under the requirement.

In an effort to help Hot Springs and the Save Our Sandstone group, staff is recommending issuing a \$10,000.00 grant to assist in their efforts to set up a funding source to help preserve their historic sandstone structures. Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission awarded a similar grant in 2017 for Lead-Deadwood Economic Development to create a revolving loan fund for contributing commercial structures in Lead.

This is an opportunity to provide ongoing help to save their sandstone structures. Staff is requesting consideration to grant the Save Our Sandstone group \$10,000.00 to be paid out of the Outside of Deadwood Grant Program. They can then issue a low or no interest loan to the historic property.

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed this request at their September 24, 2025 meeting and recommend approval.

Recommended Motion:

Move to approve an Outside of Deadwood Grant to Save Our Sandstone in the amount of \$10,000.00.