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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Legal & Finance Committee

FROM: Sarah Hanzel, Planner II

DATE: March 15, 2017

RE: Historic Preservation Commission Certified Local Government Grant

Application for 2017-2018

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) requests authorization to submit the application for the 2017-2018 Certified Local Government Grant in the amount of \$22,000 and receipt of funds if awarded. The grant will fund an update to historic downtown Rapid City literature, administrative duties of the HPC, an educational workshop, and Historic Preservation Commission member and staff training.

The historic integrity of downtown Rapid City plays a vital role in the current and future success of downtown. The HPC aims to focus 2017-2018 grant funds on elevating the public's understanding and appreciation for historic resources downtown. The HPC plans to develop a project that will archive architectural drawings of prominent downtown buildings, and develop a walking tour with updated research and photographs. The most recent downtown walking tour was created over ten years ago, and is not available in a digital format. The goal for this project is to marry the stories of the people and places of downtown with the architecture of the buildings.

During Preservation Month in May, the HPC will host a half-day workshop that is free for the public on the topic of restoring/rehabilitating historic windows.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Authorize submission of the Historic Preservation Commission Certified Local Government grant application for 2017-2018 and receipt of funds if awarded.

