To: Rapid City Legal and Finance Committee

Subject: Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network

The Rapid City Fire Department is asking for permission from the City of Rapid City to apply for and accept a $8,626.00 grant offered by the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network. This grant would provide dollars necessary to Introduce new RCFD members to FAC NET members during TREX training and annual workshop events. Participation will provide training to our members and will provide needed resources for the event and/or fill a supervisory role. Deliverables include opportunities for supervisory roles, unique training opportunities not readily available, and additional avenues for RCFD’s active contribution to the network into the future which will further current and enable future wildfire fuel reduction projects within the city limits as part of the Survivable Space Initiative.

The RCFD will utilize these grant funds to supplement the programs currently in place under the Rapid City Urban Interface Management Plan and the Survivable Space Initiative. The grant parameters do encourage match funds to be provided. The 20% match requirement will be satisfied by personnel participation in network activities throughout the fiscal year.

These programs are, as you know, vital in our efforts to try and reduce the effects of severe wildland fires in our community.

Sincerely,

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