To: Rapid City Legal and Finance Committee

Subject: FEMA Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant

The Rapid City Fire Department is asking for permission from the City of Rapid City to apply for and accept a grant offered by FEMA as part of their Wildland Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation grant program. This grant would provide dollars necessary to remove highly combustible roofing, siding, and decking materials on participating homeowner properties located in the primary Wildland Urban Interface Hazard Zone of Rapid City. Grant amounts are $275000 for roofing, $165000 for decking, and $236000 for siding materials separately.

The RCFD will utilize these grant funds to compliment the many programs currently in place under the Survivable Space Initiative. Homeowner contributions will satisfy the 25% match requirements of the grant and will consist of $169,000. A letter committing to the amount of the grant requirement of $676,000 until reimbursement from FEMA will be provided by the city.

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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