



REQUEST FOR EXPENDITURE

TO: Rapid City Common Council

FROM: Rapid City Youth City Council

DATE: 10 October 2023

RE: Request for Expenditure – NLC March 2024

1. Motion From Committee

- 1.1. During the Rapid City Youth City Council (RCYCC) fall retreat held on the 9th of October 2023, RCYCC members outlined their training objectives, researched training opportunities, and identified action steps post training experiences. These were also shared with the full RCYCC at their October 10th, 2023, meeting.
- 1.2. During the regularly scheduled Rapid City Youth City Council meeting held on the 10th of October 2023, present voting members unanimously passed the following motion.
- 1.3. Approved Motion: ***"The Rapid City Youth City Council is requesting the approval of an expenditure in the amount of up to \$26,000 from the Youth City Council budget, for the purpose of sending up to eight (8) youth and two (2) adults to the March 2024 National League of City Congressional Summit."***

2. Supporting Information

- 2.1. The current approved 2024 Rapid City Youth City Council Budget outlines \$26,000 for Training and Travel. Our requested amount is in alignment with the 2023 training expenditures and an increase over the 2022 training expenditures.
- 2.2. Pennington County Sheriff's Department has committed to providing ½ of RCYCC budget expenditures overall. In this proposal, the City of Rapid City portion would be \$13,000 and Pennington County portion would be \$13,000.
- 2.3. Previous RCYCC conference representatives have expressed how their conference experience strengthened their passion and desire to be civically engaged.
- 2.4. The RCYCC outlined the following training objectives:
 - Leadership Development
 - Expand knowledge on community and municipal issues.
 - Learn from other Youth City Councils
 - Networking opportunities both locally and nationally
 - Inspiration for future work
 - Expand diversity in our work by learning alongside other communities.
 - Become informed about and increase awareness of our community needs, alongside learning new action strategies in creating solutions.
- 2.5. The RCYCC identified the following community action steps for post conference follow up (What is the Return on Investment?)
 - Strengthened inspiration with expanded knowledge will lead to innovative projects within the community.

- Share with investors what we learned and our action plans.
 - Provide training overview with current and future RCYCC members.
 - Proudly share with other communities about the successful innovative work of Rapid City
 - Our intentions would be to prioritize real change through policy creation. This will require research, collaboration, and additional commitments that we are willing to invest in.
- 2.6. In the research of leadership and municipal training opportunities, RCYCC members found the following:
- Most youth development conferences take place during the summer and are by application and individual selection only.
 - There are a limited number of bipartisan municipal/government conferences available.
 - The National League of Cities has a fall conference that looks interesting and provides a youth program, but the DC conference provides an opportunity to meet in person with South Dakota elected officials, which we feel is especially important.
- 2.7. The following is a general breakdown of the requested expenditure:
- Lodging: \$1000 Per Youth \$2000 Per Adult
 - Registration: \$190 Per Youth Delegate & Chaperones
 - Airline: \$1000 Each
 - Ground Transportation: \$65 Each
 - Per Diem Food: \$280 Each
- 2.8. The National League of Cities Congressional City Conference is scheduled for March 11-13, 2024 in Washington, DC and includes a specific youth track.

Respectfully Submitted this 16th day of October 2023.

RAPID CITY YOUTH CITY COUNCIL



Ashlynn Wellman, Treasurer

ATTEST:



Amelia Schaeffbauer, Secretary