



HE SAPA OTIPI

Community Center for the People of the Black Hills

In Lakota, He Sapa translates to Sacred Black Hills. Otipi translates to the Center.

He Sapa Otipi is an Indigenous-led 501(c)3 non-profit organization actively working towards bringing an Indigenous-hosted community center to Rapid City (Mniluzahan Otunwahe).

IN RAPID CITY TODAY ...

23,104

Indigenous Peoples actively utilize the Oyate Health Center

60+

Native Nations are represented in the Rapid City Area School District

23.5%

of Rapid City is Indigenous per 2015 USD Report

75%

of community ranked a Native community center as their top priority in 2019 survey

community visioning

an ongoing community outreach and co-design process that centers the voice of our Rapid City Indigenous community

Process includes:

Community Surveys, Interviews, Talking Circles, Activities, Workshops & other methods!

Methodology:

1. Culturally-responsive
2. Community-driven
3. Regenerative

Community Priorities

ceremonies wakes & funerals
lakota language & culture classes
resource hub maker spaces
Elders Youth Families
offices gathering space
gymnasium fitness center
meetings community kitchen
community garden Market Hall



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PHASE 1 BUILDING SIZE & COST

18,000 sq. ft.

Community Center

Goal: 40,000 sq. ft. goal

\$12 million

estimated total construction cost
\$500/sf

\$3 million

estimated initial operating costs

\$1.5 million

estimated annual operating costs

VISION FUNDS & CITY PARTNERSHIP

July 2021

Initial Request

\$18 million

community center & apartment complexes (CDC)

December 2021

Vision Fund Committee Recommendation

\$15 million

for community center only

January 2022

Final Determination

\$9 million

for community center with a contingency requiring DOI approval

Today

He Sapa Otipi does not have access to Vision Funds due to contingency, but would like to collaborate and find a path forward as we move into design and capital campaign.