



He Sapa Otipi

Community Center for People of the Black Hills



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Dear Joel Landeen, City of Rapid City,

On behalf of He Sapa Otipi, we are requesting the removal of a contingency placed on the \$9 million of Vision Funds awarded to our organization in 2022. The contingency placed on our Vision Funds requires Department of Interior approval in an effort to resolve the three outstanding deeds of prior Rapid City Indian Board School Lands that are in violation of the 1948 Act.

We are our own nonprofit entity and are separate from the lands issue, and since we have gained access to land to continue our project. We now have a permanent location in North Rapid City and six acres has been donated to He Sapa Otipi to create an Indigenous hosted community center.

We respectfully request to be put on the agenda for the Legal & Finance Committee and on the next City Council meetings. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me at cante@hesapaotipi.org or 605-939-0333.

Respectfully,

He Sapa Otipi, Cante Heart, Bobbie Koch

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