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Joel P. Landeen, City Attorney
City of Rapid City
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57702

Dear Mr. Landeen,

I am writing in reference to the alley behind the former Food Bank and north of Youth & Family Services' East Adams Street facility. The alley is a **city-owned public right-of-way** in a low-income census tract. It needs to be regraded and resurfaced in order to correct drainage problems and improve the safety and sustainability of the adjacent homes and YFS buildings.

As you may know, YFS is planning to construct a two-story addition to our building on East Adams Street in the near future. The addition will be located parallel to the alley. We had thought the alley work needed to wait until the building was done, but our architect and engineers reconsidered and recently informed us that completing the work on the alley this summer would benefit the construction project overall.

On March 24, 2017, we submitted an application for CDBG 2016 Contingency funds, including a request for the alley along with the new information from the architect and engineers. Through conversations with Barb Garcia, it appears there were misunderstandings about our project's timeline. Due to the confusion, the alley project was not recommended for additional funding.

We already have a \$100,000 CDBG allocation awarded in 2016 for the alley regrading project, but the total cost will be \$300,000. The work will involve reshaping and resurfacing the alley to correct drainage issues that impact the foundations of adjacent buildings to the south. We are hopeful that the City Council will consider allocating more CDBG dollars to this project.

Barb Garcia recommended that we submit this request to you and ask that you forward it to the Legal and Finance Committee for consideration at their meeting on Wednesday. We plan to attend this meeting to answer any questions the committee members may have. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Susan Fedell
Chief Executive Officer