



City of Lead  
801 W. Main Street  
Lead, South Dakota 57754

1/11/2024

Subject: Support for Funding of New Community Center in Lead

Dear South Dakota Legislators,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Lead and the Lead City Commission to express our enthusiastic support for the funding of a new community center in our town. This endeavor holds immense potential for fostering the well-being of our community and strengthening the fabric of our city.

The proposed community center will serve as a hub for youth programming and senior gathering and provide a safe space for our younger residents. Additionally, it will play a pivotal role in promoting health and wellness among our citizens, addressing the vital need for accessible recreational facilities and wellness services. Importantly, the community center will offer critical services to our working families, creating a supportive environment that contributes to the overall resilience of our community.

By consolidating various services under one roof, the community center becomes a unique incentive for those considering a move to Lead. This centralized approach not only enhances convenience for our residents but also positions Lead as an attractive location for potential homebuyers. We believe this aspect will contribute significantly to the growth of our community and the community center will also serve as a valuable recruitment tool for local businesses.

The new community center project has garnered substantial local support, reflecting the collective desire for this project to come to fruition. Considering this, we kindly request your support and consideration for state funding to further catalyze the establishment of this vital community asset.

The thriving economy in South Dakota is significantly bolstered by tourism, particularly the Black Hills region. Homestake Mining Company significantly contributed to the state general fund and our local mining companies still contribute to the state general fund through the mining severance tax. Our area has significantly financially supported the state throughout the years and we are asking for support in return.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to the positive impact that the new community center will bring to Lead with your support.

Sincerely,

Ron Everett

Mayor, and commissioners, City of Lead