

Dear Friend of CASA...

Northern Hills Area CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) was formed in 1986. We are a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. We serve all abused and neglected children involved in civil proceedings within the Fourth Judicial Circuit, which covers Butte, Corson, Dewey, Harding, Lawrence, Meade, Perkins, and Ziebach counties. Our mission is to promote and protect the best interest of children through the advocacy efforts of trained volunteers. We want children to have an opportunity to thrive in a safe, stable, permanent home.

NHCASA provided direct service to 77 children through the advocacy efforts of 34 volunteers in 2024. We are grateful to have a pool of 65 active volunteers, 21 of which have successfully completed training in the last year. Our vision is to provide a powerful voice for every child who has been removed from their home due to abuse and neglect. Our advocates completed 32 hours of intense training, been sworn in by a Circuit Court Judge, and participate in continuing education to maintain an updated and stable understanding of the challenges that may arise while advocating for children. Unfortunately, child maltreatment is on the rise, as we have served 52 children to date in 2025. Every child deserves someone on their side through these tumultuous times. There are currently 30 CASAs speaking up for children's best interests and well-being.

According to the National CASA Association, the annual cost to support one CASA volunteer to an organization is \$4,341. The 34 advocates from 2024, who served on cases in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, equated to a financial burden of \$147,594 to our program. However, this investment provided the best possible outcome for children and may be realized in savings as they become adults. Due to the lack of foster homes in our area, our volunteers are traveling long distances, even to other states, to visit children. Therefore, our mileage reimbursement costs have skyrocketed. In 2024, our CASAs poured their hearts into their cases, with 7,378 hours of documented volunteer time. Additionally, they traveled 43,208 miles to advocate for children and families.

Please consider giving a financial contribution. You can help strengthen our advocacy efforts by donating online, sending a check, or simply utilizing the QR code below. Your support plays an integral role in the success of our organization.

Donate Here



Sincerely,

Amy Cermak

Amy Cermak
NHCASA Executive Director

Vanessa Reid

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Development Coordinator

NHCASA is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit tax-exempt organization.

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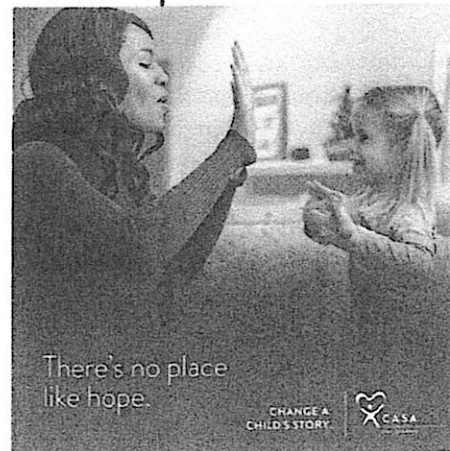
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City of Lead Proposal

Imagine being removed from the only thing you have ever known; placed in an unfamiliar home; a new school; having strangers explain why you have to live somewhere else; feeling lost and alone; not knowing if you will ever get to see your family again; dealing with a revolving door of people; realizing everything you once knew had disappeared, for who knows how long. It is a situation no one should have to experience. Sadly, child maltreatment is a hidden reality that happens all around us, often without being seen.

The CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Cause began in 1976 by Seattle Juvenile Court Judge David W. Soukup. When tasked with making difficult decisions regarding the future of a three-year-old girl, he felt he didn't have sufficient information about her or what she needed to truly thrive. He wanted an inside perspective into her life. He devised the idea of training community members to become advocates for children who have experienced abuse and neglect.

Northern Hills Area CASA (NHCASA) was formed in 1986. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, associated with the National CASA Association. Our mission is to recruit, train, support, and empower local individuals to become powerful voices for children who have been removed from their homes and placed in the foster care system. The NHCASA team includes three full-time staff members and one part-time employee and operates with an annual budget of \$407,105.

Court Appointed Special Advocates are ordinary citizens who do extraordinary things for our most vulnerable population. CASAs receive over 32 hours of extensive training which is tailored to include topics such as mental health, substance abuse, trauma and the effects it has on the brain, child protective services, the judicial system, child development, and court report writing. After successful completion of the training program, they are sworn in by a Circuit Court Judge.

The advocacy role is unique in many ways. CASAs meet with the children they serve. They observe their living environments and note the children's interactions with their caregivers. Advocates meet with family members, physicians, therapists, social workers, daycare providers, school personnel, and any other person who is involved in the child's life. CASA volunteers create a report to the Court detailing their contacts, the child's wishes, and make recommendations based on the individual needs of the child. Judges within South Dakota's Fourth Judicial Circuit believe these everyday citizens are the eyes and the ears for the Court.

Our continued efforts to advocate for abused and neglected children equates to a financial burden to our organization of \$4,341 per year for each CASA appointed to a case. Thanks to the generous support of grantors, donors, sponsorships, and our signature fundraising events, we have been able to promote and protect the best interests of victims of child maltreatment for 39 years. In 2024, we matched 34 trained volunteers with 77 children in 7 counties of western South Dakota. This equated to a financial burden of \$147,594 to our program.

Our CASAs poured their hearts into their cases, with 7,378 hours of documented volunteer time. Additionally, they traveled 43,208 miles to advocate for children and families. Unfortunately, the number of child maltreatment cases is on the rise, as we have already served 52 children to date in 2025.

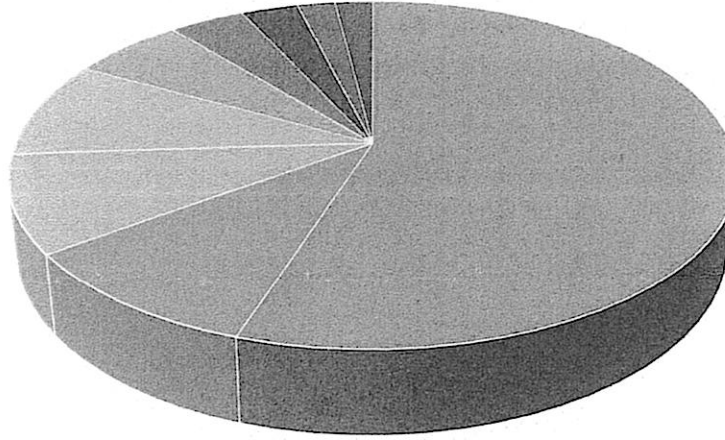
At NHCASA, our mission goes beyond advocacy. We are dedicated to engaging our community by raising public awareness about child maltreatment and our mission and inspiring action to protect children. As a result, we achieved an incredible milestone in the last year, welcoming 21 new CASA volunteers.

Proposal Request:

NHCASA is respectfully requesting a funding allocation of \$4,341 from the City of Lead. This would allow one volunteer to be an advocate for a child in your community for one year. In 2024, we served 19 children in Lawrence County, all of whom had a CASA walking alongside them through their journey in the child welfare system. Nearly half of these children resided in Lead. With your financial assistance, we can continue to accomplish our vision of serving every victim of child maltreatment within the Fourth Judicial Circuit. This effort reflects our commitment to ensuring each child has a voice in Court and the opportunity for a safe, loving, permanent home.

We attribute our success, of serving *all* children involved in abuse and neglect court proceedings, to the continued support received from our communities. Unfortunately, federal grants have decreased significantly, as our 2025 allocation was \$60,000 less than in 2024. In April, federal funding for the National CASA Association was terminated by the current administration. As a result, National CASA has suspended all services and support to state and local CASA programs. However, NHCASA doesn't rely on financial assistance from the national organization. We have been in existence for 39 years and have developed a positive rapport with the cities and counties we serve. Rest assured, every contribution we receive goes directly toward helping children maneuver through trying times, with the ultimate goal of achieving permanency in a timely manner. We will continue to offer best-interest advocacy, secure adequate resources, and will abide by the CASA core model. NHCASA is enthusiastic about the continued partnership with City of Lead to support our program's mission. Thank you for your consideration.

Annual Cost of One Volunteer = \$4,341



- Supervisory Staff/Case Management- 55%
- Equipment -10%
- Training- 9%
- Mileage-9%
- Expense Reimbursement-6%
- Recognition/Retention-4%
- Ongoing Communication-3%
- Recruitment-2%
- Background Checks-2%

\$4,341 = Annual Cost of One CASA Volunteer based on averages as determined by the National CASA Association 2021 Survey

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June 24, 2025

Robin Lucero
City Planner
City of Lead
801 W. Main Street
Lead, SD 57754

Dear Mrs. Lucero,

On behalf of the Historic Homestake Opera House, I am writing to respectfully request a grant of \$25,000 from the City of Lead for the 2026 calendar year through the City of Lead Grant Program.

We are deeply grateful for the City's generous support and the continued partnership that has made significant progress possible. With 2023 and 2024 City of Lead funding, we were able to replace the historic windows on the second floor of the mercantile portion of our facility, preserving the character of our building while improving energy efficiency and functionality. This project was vital to our overall restoration efforts, and we thank you sincerely for making it a reality.

The Opera House continues to serve as an anchor institution in Lead, helping to drive tourism and economic activity. In the first two quarters of 2025 alone, we welcomed more than 1,500 guests. We've also strengthened our partnerships with the Lead Area Chamber of Commerce and local business owners through initiatives like the Sunset Sunday Concert Series, which offers free live music to the community and draws valuable foot traffic to the Main Street corridor.

In addition to our growing performance calendar, the Opera House provides monthly meeting space for Teen Court, supports local artists and artisans, and has hosted nearly 80 national and international visitors so far this year—from Germany and Britain to Canada and across the U.S.

Our work continues with a focus on restoring and upgrading key infrastructure, including mechanical, electrical, and HVAC systems that will ensure we can continue to offer high-quality arts, culture, and educational programming in a safe and welcoming environment.

The 2025 City of Lead grant has been instrumental in these efforts. To date, we have received \$12,499.98 of the \$25,000 allocated for this calendar year, with work scheduled to begin this fall on much-needed bathroom renovations near the Julius Street entrance and replacement of the hallway flooring—improvements that enhance both accessibility and aesthetics.

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For 2026, we are requesting a \$25,000 grant to support the build-out of a Kiln Room in the northeast corner of the lower level. This new creative space will allow us to offer community pottery classes, further expanding our arts education programs and deepening our impact throughout the region.

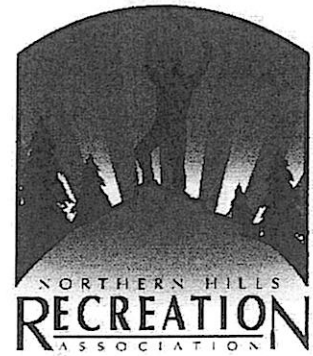
Our total budget for 2025 is \$392,450, and we anticipate a slight increase in 2026, with a projected budget of \$400,000. With the City of Lead's continued support, we are not only restoring the Jewel of the Black Hills, but also helping to spur economic development and increase cultural engagement throughout Lead and the Northern Black Hills.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and commitment to our community. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or if you need further documentation. We are grateful for the City's support and look forward to working together on another exciting year ahead.

Sincerely,

Executive Director
Historic Homestake Opera House

Dustin Heupel
Mayor
City of Lead
06/25/2025



Mayor Heupel,

I am writing this year's funding request for continued trail development through our organization. We would manage the dollars, oversee that they are maximized for their intended purpose, and provide project updates & spending reports to the City of Lead.

Last month marked the ten-year anniversary for our organization. In that time we've hosted dozens of outdoor recreational events encompassing all age groups, had the honor of building trails for the use of our citizens and visitors alike, and being an instrumental member of various community events and initiatives throughout those years.

In 2025, we continued our non-motorized trail building efforts with the Par Course Park Trails proposal between W Summit and W McClellan. Recreational trails and urban travel routes play an integral role in shaping the livability and connectivity of a community. Serving as more than just pathways, these routes provide essential links connecting neighborhoods, parks, and urban amenities, fostering a seamless and accessible urban environment.

Additionally, our group hosted multiple events like the free to the public skateboard clinic and our first annual Schools Out Bike Bash & Repair Clinic. We had well over 150 kids attend, gave away almost 10 bikes, and did repairs on 25+ bikes. We also continued our event sponsorship of Lead Winterfest and continued our activities scholarship to help offset the cost of equipment and registration fees for general sports activities and all outdoor recreation opportunities for youth K-12. This year we launched our Bike Program for the kids of the L/D School District. We provide bikes at no cost to kids in our community. So far, we have donated over 10 bikes to kids in need with a long list of others we are looking to fill. Lastly, we continued our cross-country ski, fat tire biking, and snow shoe course grooming efforts at Tomahawk Country Club, and were once again able to partner with the L/D School District and SDGF&P for their annual snowshoe course and cross-country ski activity days at Tomahawk.

2026 Budget Request

Continued Trail Development	\$10,000.00
Existing Trail Improvement	\$3,000.00
Events and Programs	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$15,000.00

The Northern Hills Recreation Association wants to thank the City of Lead for their continued support of our recreation initiatives. Your support has started to lay the groundwork that will continue to make our community a recreation destination through continued development & maintenance of our trail systems and events. We look forward to continuing our great work with your support!

Sincerely,

Nick Bennett

Nick Bennett
Vice President
Northern Hills Recreation Association

NORTHERN HILLS DIVERSION

TEEN COURT • DIVERSION • TRUANCY • JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE (JD)

City of Lead
c/o Robin Lucero
801 W Main Street
Lead, SD 57754

July 10, 2025

RE: FY26 Subsidy Request

To Whom It May Concern,

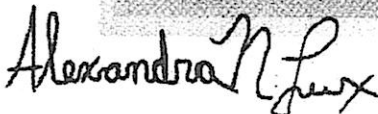
I am submitting the Northern Hills Diversion budget request to you for your consideration for the budget year 2026 in which we are asking for \$5,000.00 from the City of Lead. The reason for this requested amount is owing to an increase in participation from area youth in the program and program development.

Northern Hills Diversion is the only court approved juvenile diversion program in Lawrence County. We serve youth ages 10-18 who have committed a crime by providing supervision and education. The education provided consists of three in-person classes, including one that is taught in partnership with the Homestake Opera House. Our services include several programs designed to meet youth needs including Teen Court, Case Management Diversion, Truancy Diversion, and Conditional Release. The youth in our program are required to complete community service as well. In 2024, Our youth completed 1,010 hours of community service in lead and so far in 2025 have completed 540 hours. We partnered with several community organizations, including the Christian Ministry Center, The Handley Center, and The Homestake Opera House. Our youth also participated in events including the community clean-up, planting flowers around Lead, and our youth are encouraged to do things like shovel snow for the elderly.

From July 2024 to June 2025, the program reviewed 140 cases. 50% of the cases handled through NHD were for substance related offenses, a decrease of 6% from the previous year. The overall successful completion rate in 2024 was 94%. While our program has expanded to include Butte and Meade Counties, the vast majority of our cases still originate within Lawrence County and many of these cases involved youth from Lead. However, with this expansion we have been able to develop and provide more services, and more intensive services, to area youth, providing a greater opportunity to help youth learn from their choices and make better future choices.

I have enclosed the conditionally approved budget for FY26 as well as the budget for FY25. The financial statement for 2024 should be on file in the City of Lead Finance Office. Should you have any further questions, please contact me. I would appreciate your continued support of Northern Hills Diversion as we work to provide more opportunities to area youth.

Sincerely,



Alexandra N. Lux
Executive Director, Northern Hills Diversion



2026 FUNDING REQUEST TO CITY OF LEAD

Organization: Lead Deadwood Arts Center

Address: PO Box 595 · 309 W. Main · Lead, SD 57754

Phone & Fax: 584-1461

Email: hdlac@rushmore.com

Website: leaddeadwoodartscenter.com

Tax ID #: 46-0415834

Non-Profit Status: 501(c)3 · Established in 1990

Location: 309 W. Main
(Historic Homestake Opera House)

Previous Funding from City of Lead:

2021	\$5,000
2022	\$5,000
2023	\$5,000
2024	\$5,000
2025	\$5,000

Amount Requested for 2026: \$5,000

Mission Statement: "Promote educational and cultural activities through the arts!"

The Lead Deadwood Arts Center (Arts Center) to thank the City of Lead for its past support. Without this support, the arts council simply would not exist.

Attached is a narrative explaining the programming sponsored by the Arts Center in the past year. Also included are the 2026 proposed budget, 2025 financials for the first half of the year, 2024 year-end financials and a current balance sheet.

The Arts Center currently has one part-time employee. Board members include Billy DeWolf, Sarah Canida, Oliver Burgoyne, Kristen Jarabek, Julie Stone and Allen Morris.

ARTS CENTER CURRENT PROGRAMMING - 2024/2025

- **Art Gallery/Frame Shop** – The Arts Center has a great presence on Lead Main Street with its art gallery, exhibit space and custom frame shop. Both local residents and visitors enjoy visiting the gallery, viewing the artwork and exhibits. The Arts Center also provides a custom framing shop which provides a service to local residents, and this framing shop stays very busy for such a small town business. More and more framing shops are closing, and the Lead Arts Center's framing shop has customers from many nearby communities. Income from this frame shop is used for the Arts Center's operating expenses each year.
- **Framing Donations** – Over the years, the Arts Center has donated many frames for silent auction fundraisers to local organizations such as the Historic Homestake Opera House, Handley Recreation Center, Boys & Girls Club, Lead Library, BH Mining Museum, Fassbender Collection, Deadwood History, etc. The Arts Center also donates framing for fundraisers held for local residents who have had health issues or personal setbacks.
- **Art Classes** – The Arts Center continues to get requests from artists and residents for art education classes. Over the years, the Arts Center has sponsored classes such as alcohol ink, acrylic painting, rug hooking, pottery classes and more.
- **Cheesecake Sampler and Battle of the Hors D'oeuvres** – This is a great fundraiser for the Arts Center and many residents look forward to participating or attending. The 2024 event was held at Dakota Gold (Roundhouse) and was very well attended. It was standing room only and \$2,000 was raised for general operating support for the Arts Center. Another \$2,500 was raised for high school scholarships. The Arts Center is very excited to host the 2025 event and expects lots of enthusiasm and great support from the community.
- **Empty Bowls** – The Arts Center has coordinated "Empty Bowls" since 2017. Each year over 200 pottery bowls are donated by area artists and schools. The Deadwood Social Club donates soup and hosts the event. Several thousand dollars are raised each year which is then donated to the Lord's Cupboard and the Spearfish Food Bank. This year's event raised \$2,600.
- **Opera House** – The Arts Center has maintained a strong relationship with the Homestake Opera House for over 15 years, consistently supporting its mission and operations. Each year, the Arts Center donates an art tree or wreath to the Opera House's *Festival of Trees* fundraiser. In addition, the Arts Center contributes several custom frames for donated art prints and photographs donated for the silent auction. These custom frames significantly enhance the appeal and value of the artwork, helping them sell for higher amounts and increasing proceeds for the Opera House. In addition to the Festival of Trees, the Arts Center regularly donates custom framing services for various Opera House needs and fundraising events throughout the year. Furthermore, the Arts Center supports the Opera House financially by using revenue from its own framing shop to pay rent for its space within the facility. This partnership helps the Opera House remain a strong and vital organization in Lead.
- **LEGO Contest** – The 21st Annual LEGO Contest was held at Lead Deadwood High School in 2025. The event was well attended with approximately 70 entries. Dakota Gold was once again the sponsor and the high school gym was packed with LEGO enthusiasts. Each participant brings along parents, grandparents, siblings and friends who come from across the region to participate. The Arts Center will sponsor this again in 2026.

- **Pottery Studio** – The Arts Center is working to get its pottery studio up and running. The room where the studio will be located is in need of infrastructure improvements which is causing a delay. When the room is complete, it is believed the pottery studio will be a great addition to the community, stay very busy, and also help generate funds for the Arts Center.
- **High School Art Scholarship** – Thanks to the funds raised during the Cheesecake Sampler & Battle of the Hors D'oeuvres, the Arts Center was once again able to award two \$1000 art scholarships to Lead Deadwood High School seniors. A scholarship application is distributed to all high school students each year.
- **Lead Historic Preservation Hidden Treasure Heritage Festival** – The Arts Center participated in the Lead Historic Preservation Commission's 3rd Hidden Treasure Heritage Festival. Arts Center staff attended all meetings and helped organize many of the activities. The Arts Center coordinated and hosted the Commission's "Roberta Robertson's Poetry Art Exhibit" with approximately 30 entries. The Arts Center also sponsored a "Hidden Treasure Hunt" where a medallion was hidden and clues were posted on the Arts Center's Facebook. A local artist donated a painting with a Lead mining theme, and the new book "Price of Gold" was also donated by the book's author.
- **Winterfest** – The Arts Center also contributed to this year's Winterfest by sponsoring a "Snowman Art" project. Several residents and visitors to town participated and children created some great snowman art.
- **Northern Hills Community Band** – The Arts Center budgets each year to sponsor the Northern Hills Community Band concert during the 4th of July at Manuel Brothers Park. Plans are to sponsor again in 2026.
- **Lead Live** – The Arts Center plans on participating in Lead Live events again with its ever popular "bubble booth" for the remainder of 2025.
- **Neutrino Day** – For the past numerous years, the Arts Center has partnered with the Sanford Lab to participate in Neutrino Day with various activities, and will be hosting kids' art activities at the Handley Center this year.
- **Exhibits** – The Opera House has generously allowed the Arts Center the use of additional space in a vacant room across the hall. With this new space, several exhibits and open houses are held each year. The room is currently booked for the remainder of 2025 with back-to-back exhibits. Each show brings family and friends to Lead to view the art. These guests often eat at local restaurants and support other local businesses. Some of these exhibits are once-in-a-lifetime shows for the artists and mean a great deal.

PROPOSED 2026 PROGRAMMING

Much of the Arts Center's programming is on-going and plans for 2026 will include much of the same activities including the LEGO Contest, Winterfest, Neutrino Day, Cheesecake Sampler, Lead Live, educational classes, local art exhibits, etc. The Arts Center will also dedicate as much time as possible to improving its gallery and gift shop; and, will make a continued effort to bring in quality artwork with a broad range in price from those looking for artwork that will be an investment to those looking for affordable gift items. The Arts Center will also continue to do quality framing and matting. And, the Arts Center will also continue to be a great partner and work closely with other organizations to help make them stronger.



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Lead City Commission
801 W Main St
Lead, SD 57754

July 7, 2025

RE: 2026 Budget Request

Prairie Hills Transit is requesting \$5,000 for the 2026 Budget year for local match necessary to operate public transportation services within the City of Lead and to surrounding communities. In 2025 we requested \$5,000 and were awarded \$3,500.00.

These dollars are used to match both Federal administrative and operating funding through a grant administered by the South Dakota Department of Transportation. Administration is 80-20 and operating is 50-50. Revenue generated from donations, fares and contracts are used to offset the expenses of the grant. As you know, our employees are top notch and receive significant training to help them do their jobs to the best of their ability.

Prairie Hills Transit is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 and continues to offer public transportation to Lead City residents of all ages and income levels including those persons with mental or physical disabilities. We have personally felt the increase in transportation expenses for wages/benefits, fuel and maintenance. Our Single Audit didn't have any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

We continue to work closely with Department of Labor, Department of Human Services, Healthcare entities, as well as the United Way. Our service enables people who are transit dependent to get to medical appointments, grocery shopping, banking, jobs, school and so on. These essential activities are often ones that many of us take for granted. Imagine the anxiety of not having a ride, an affordable vehicle or the money to use the taxi. If you need to be picked up from your home Prairie Hills Transit provides a demand response service for you. "Someday" will come for all of us and public transportation in the Lead area is in its 30th year.

A significant number of the rides in 2023-24 were for medical appointments locally and in Spearfish, Ft. Meade VA, Sturgis and Rapid City. Access to medical care is crucial for community members. PHT is a Title 19 provider for both wheelchair riders, and those who are ambulatory. Many of the trips were for employment purposes. There has been an increase of over 653 rides from 2023 to 2024. We are pleased with usage and ridership and anticipate increases in 2025.

We continue to look for a location to house our vehicle indoors to protect it from vandalism and the weather. If a lot or rental location becomes available please let us know.

Your financial assistance in maintaining quality public transportation keeps our Lead City residents and taxpayers in the community. Thank you for your past, present and future support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barb".

Barbara K. Cline
Executive Director

The Lord's Cupboard, Inc
7 S. Main St (mailing address)
Lead SD 57754
605--584-3263 or 605-580-5137(Sharon)

July 30, 2025

Lead City Commission

801 West Main St

Lead SD 57754

The Lord's Cupboard, Inc. is requesting to be included in the 2026 city budget in the amount of \$750.00

Your support of this important mission for your residents means sustenance for many who do not have adequate food each month.

We added Easter to our holiday distributions along with Thanksgiving and Christmas

Thank you for supporting this program.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon L Nare", written in dark ink.

Sharon L Nare Director

605-580-5137

Please note our mailing address, 7 S Main.

111 S Main is our physical address

The Lord's Cupboard, Inc

7 S Main St

Lead SD 57754

The Lord's Cupboard was started in the 1970's in a back room of the Lead Methodist Church.

Eventually the program partnered with Western South Dakota Community Action (WSDCA) to accept commodities. In the beginning it was not income based, but was changed to be an income based program.

The Food Pantry was also continued and those who did not qualify received extra pantry items to offset commodities.

In 2023 WSDCA discontinued distributing commodities. With that change the Lord's Cupboard had to be responsible for all the food that was given to clients each month.

We operated on a very small budget for many years. When we became a 501c3 it was necessary to purchase liability insurance for any accidents inside the facility for clients only. We have steadily increased our base operating assets to be able to provide more products that are not always available to all families.

The items that the clients can receive has increased and we hope we can continue to add more food items to the shelves.

We are serving between 60 and 80 families each month.

For 5 years we have partnered with Kiewit-Alberici Joint Venture for Thanksgiving meals. They purchase and deliver 50 uncooked meals to 50 families. The Cupboard provides the meals for an additional 30 -40 families.

The Christmas distribution involves more food items and usually serves approximately 100 families.

Our primary program is to provide food items to all families in need in the Lead, Deadwood, and Central City Areas.

We are not income based. The only requirements are residency . No one is turned away, which means we on rare occasions provide food to individuals passing thru and are in need because of unforeseen circumstances.

The majority of the items we purchase are sale items from Lynn's in Lead. They allow us to purchase cases of sale items.

Feeding South Dakota also is a source for ordering food at lower prices. Meat is one of the main items we order from them each month.

Food insecurity is a very real fact for many families who are now experiencing rent and utility increases as well as basic necessities and food.

The Lord's Cupboard board decided to use the money (\$1,100) received from the We Care program at Lynn's Dakotamart for Laundry detergent and dish soap.

On occasion the question is asked "Do the families who use our program really need it?" Yes, our economy has changed and our program makes a big difference to a large family or a social security recipient.

TWIN CITY CLOTHING CENTER
PO BOX 590
LEAD, SD 57754
605-717-0739

June 27, 2025

TO: City of Lead

Attn: Robin Lucero
City Administrator

Dear Ms. Lucero,

The Twin City Clothing Center continues to accept donations of clothing, household goods and other items from the community. In turn, these items are offered to the community for free. The store is manned by volunteers who ensure items offered are clean and in good condition.

Our sole income continues to come from cash good will offerings from the public, as well as once a year donations from local churches and generous funding from the cities of Lead and Deadwood (Parking Fund). We, also continue to take advantage of Lynn's Dakotamart rebates on their receipts.

We are reducing our requested financial assistance to \$2,000 for 2026 from your annual budget. We thank you for your past contributions and hope you will be able to continue that help for the coming year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Glennis Palmer".

Glennis Palmer
Treasurer
307-660-2384

Northern Hills Alliance for Children 2025 Request for Funding: 2026 Budget Cycle

June 17th, 2025

City of Lead

801 W. Main St

Lead, SD 57754

Overview of Services

Northern Hills Alliance for Children: First Step Child Care Center and Preschool is an asset to the Lead-Deadwood community. We are the only licensed childcare center in the community, and provide care for 45- 56 families. There is an overwhelming need for childcare in the Lead-Deadwood area. NHAC provides a nurturing educational environment where our youngest citizens can learn and grow. NHAC is a mission driven non-profit, providing care to both full pay families and those who receive childcare assistance from the State of South Dakota, as well as providing a quality care program to all the members of our community.

One of our primary objectives is to prepare our students for kindergarten and to develop a love of learning from an early age. Our teachers strive to develop social and emotional skills in their students, in addition to meeting academic milestones. We believe that it is essential to invest in our staff and classrooms by providing multiple training avenues, diverse learning tools, and supporting our children emotionally so that they are ready to learn. Longevity, trust, and professional development are all essential to a well-run early education program.

Additional Services:

NHAC contributes to a healthy and diverse workforce in our community. We regularly employ 15-20 local residents, ranging in age from 14-70. We offer 10-20 hours of annual training to all staff members to ensure that they are educated regarding best practices in early childhood education. Four of our 6 Lead Teachers are in the process of getting their associates degree in Early Childhood Development funded through a grant process. The nation lacks childcare workers, facilities and funds for wages to compete with inflation. We have increased our teachers' wages this past year to secure qualified staff members. We do not want to lose these vital individuals to major corporations that can afford to pay

high wages to their employees. It is extremely important to us for our wages to reflect the value of our employees. They are amazing members of our community that have one of the hardest jobs. They are shaping the future. They are the caretakers who spend up to 50 hours a week with a child, this is a very important role to play in a child's life.

Community Outreach

In addition to providing an outstanding early childhood education program, NHAC believes in fostering a sense of community in our students. This summer we are shifting our fundraiser focus to family friendly local events, we are hosting our first annual Family Fun Fundraiser on June 28th at Outlaw Square. This event brings family orientated activities to the community for locals and visitors. NHAC has created a discount card that features Lead and Deadwood small businesses to be sold as a fundraiser and support for our community's entrepreneurs. We will continue to create and implement local events and we greatly appreciate the support that we receive from the City of Lead and other partners.

Overview of funding sources:

It is a common misconception that the State of South Dakota or other government agencies provide direct financial support to NHAC. This is not the case; there is no state-funding for early childhood education, no Head Start classroom funding for the Northern Hills area nor are there any federal funds available to Centers like ours. We do receive reimbursement from the state for childcare assistance for qualifying students. NHAC makes up the budget shortfall between childcare fees and staff salaries through grants, donations, and fundraising. Major funders include: The John T. Vucurevich Foundation, Adams Mastrovich Family Foundation, Lead-Deadwood Community Fund and the Walter and Frances Green Trust. Support from our local government not only helps us survive but it gives our grantors confidence that our local community believes in us and what we are doing. We are grateful to the City of Lead for consistently funding NHAC.

Request

Northern Hills Alliance for Children provides a vital service and is an asset to the community. We help stabilize the lives of employees with young children so that they can work in a shift work and tourism based economy. Northern Hills Alliance for Children requests \$16,000 to support general operations including staff salaries and program materials, required building updates to keep our center for our kids and staff members up to date and safe. Support from the City of Lead helps to keep our fees affordable enough to keep our doors open while providing high quality care for Lead-Deadwood citizens of all ages.



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Thank you for your kind consideration,

Kaylee Linn-Wellford, Executive Director
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Northern Hills Alliance for Children Board of Directors:

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July 1, 2025

Robin Lucero
Administrator-City of Lead
801 W. Main Street
Lead, SD 57754

Dear Robin,

In February 2025, Good Shepherd Clinic began its 17th year of providing free medical and emergency dental services to residents of the northern Black Hills, ages 19-64, who do not have or qualify for health insurance and are at or below 200% Federal Poverty Level. For one person, this equates to \$31,300.00/year or \$2,608.00/month. In February 2025, we expanded our services to include those who are underinsured and meet our financial guidelines.

The money we receive through grants and donations pays for prescriptions, specific lab tests and chest x-rays, dental extractions, dentures, immunizations and the medical, dental, and capital supplies needed to operate the clinic.

Approximately 120 community, medical, dental, and mental health volunteers from Spearfish, Belle Fourche, Deadwood, Lead, Box Elder, and Sundance, WY rotate through Monday and Thursday night clinics providing the necessary services to those who attend. Our clinics provide safe, non-judgmental spaces for food, hospitality, access to community resources, and support for their medical, dental, and emotional needs.

Since September 2024, Good Shepherd Clinic has provided medical services at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lead. From September 2024 to June 2025, we saw 27 patients from Belle Fourche, Spearfish, Sturgis, Deadwood, Lead and Nemo. Eleven of the patients are from Lead and five from Deadwood. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church has given approval to continue our medical services through August 2026. Vilas Pharmacy and Monument Health Lead-Deadwood serve as additional local partners. Anyone eligible for our Lead services may also attend the Spearfish clinic on Monday nights for dental care or other medical care.

To continue serving those in our communities who need our services, Good Shepherd Clinic would like to be considered for a \$2,500.00 fund support.

Thank you for your past support and consideration of this new request.

Chris Davis
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In 2024, Good Shepherd Clinic requested \$2,500.00 from the City of Lead towards our 2025 budget. On November 20, 2024, I attended the special meeting held at the Lead/Deadwood High School to discuss funding for city supported organizations. From that meeting, I understand that Good Shepherd Clinic will receive \$2,500.00 in 2025.

Our 2024 budget showed a -36.7% decrease in Direct Public Support from 2023 and -47.1% decrease in Indirect Public Support. A copy of the Profit & Loss Budget Overview for 2025 is included and shows a slight increase from 2024 of what we hope to receive in 2025. We anticipate receiving \$70,000.00 from Direct Public Support through Corporate Contributions of \$8,000.00, Municipal Grants \$7,000.00, and Individual Contributions of \$55,000.00. Our Indirect Public Support will be \$22,00.00.

Our largest expenses towards patient care are estimated to be over \$29,000.00 as we cover prescriptions, lab tests, dental work, and gas cards. At this time of year, we are near our budget limit of \$13,000.00 for dental care.

I have enclosed our proposed budget for 2025. Our Board of Directors will begin the 2026 budget process in December 2025 as we plan for the annual meeting in February 2026. The budget will be based on patient expenses in 2025, monies received in 2025, and changes in patient numbers as we monitor our expanded target audience to include uninsured and underinsured, and those who may be affected by changes made at the federal government level.

Over the years, Good Shepherd Clinic appreciates the help and support of the cities and counties we serve. Our goal will be to ask approximately the same amount as in the past years.

Thank you to the City of Lead for supporting our ministry.

Chris Davis, Executive Director
Good Shepherd Clinic

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July 9, 2025

Dear City of Lead Mayor and Commissioners,

The Black Hills Mining Museum is respectfully asking for a consideration of \$5,000 in the 2026 City of Lead budget.

The Board of Directors of the BHMM have decided to end the pursuit of a new museum facility at Gold Run Park. After over three years of planning, discussions and fund-raising, it became apparent that the cost of a new facility was considerably higher than anticipated. The BHMM is now committed to remaining in its current facility in downtown Lead where it will remain a cornerstone of the culture and heritage that is Lead and the surrounding communities.

The BHMM will now evaluate opportunities that may be available with its current property. This includes an evaluation of the lower floor as a possible archiving area. This lower floor is currently used as a storage area that holds useful and not-useful items. The BHMM will also evaluate a longer-term project with the parking structure and its underground storage area. These evaluations will be put into a phased plan for the improvement of the facilities.

An immediate need for the City of Lead grant will be the addition of improved public and building safety. This includes an improved fire exit, the attendant signage and the installation of a fire alarm system in the current building.

The BH Mining Museum employs nine personnel to assist with hosting, gold panning and the guided tours. The BHMM also has a valued asset in 4-5 volunteers that work on archives and donations.

The museum coordinates new displays of mining equipment at Gold Run Park through the cooperation with the City of Lead, Homestake Mining Company and the Sanford Underground Research Facility. Museum-owned equipment is also incorporated throughout the community adding to its attraction.

For the 2025 budget, the BHMM requested a \$5,000 grant from the City of Lead and that was distributed in June, 2025.

In advance, the Black Hills Mining Museum thanks you for this consideration.

With Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Stahl".

Mike Stahl | President

Black Hills Mining Museum

To: Mayor of Lead – Dustin Heupel
Lead City Commission - Kayla Klein, Roger Thomas, Rob Carr & Al Rohrer
City Administrator – Robin Lucero

From: Handley Recreation Center
Board of Directors – Darla Auld, Karen Everett, Dennis Schumacher and Monica Nepper

Date: July 8, 2025

First and foremost, the Handley Center (Handley) would like to thank the City of Lead for its continued support, the Handley would not exist without the backing from the City of Lead. Please find attached the Handley's budget request for 2026, along with a narrative and financials. The Handley would like to request \$125,000 for 2026.

The Handley runs with a very small staff which includes one part-time Program Manager, part-time Membership Coordinator, part-time janitorial and two part-time pre-school instructors. The Board of Directors continue to donate many hours which include everything from financials, memberships, cleaning, programming, maintenance, snow shoveling and much more. However, Board members all have other jobs and families and sustaining this amount of volunteerism is challenging each year.

Like all businesses, the Handley is struggling with price increases for on-going maintenance and administrative costs. For example, the Handley's insurance was recently raised by \$7,000.

The Handley is a 35-year-old facility in need of significant maintenance, however, it remains a cornerstone of the Lead community. It's more than just a building, it serves as a hub for "quality of life" programming—providing essential services and welcoming spaces that strengthen local sports teams and enrich Lead's vibrancy.

The Handley offers a fully equipped cardio and weight room, an indoor walking track, and a full gymnasium and is used by residents of all ages. These amenities promote health, wellness, and community connection, making the Handley an indispensable part of life in Lead.

The Handley once again would like to thank the City of Lead for its generous support. Thank you for the opportunity to apply for funding in 2026.

Sincerely,
Handley Center Board of Directors

HANDLEY CENTER

BUDGET REQUEST NARRATIVE 2026

HISTORY OF INDOOR RECREATION IN LEAD

When Phoebe Hearst and Thomas Grier initially inspired the idea of a recreation center in Lead, they saw a need in the community they held so dear. They saw the opportunity to bring the community together through sports, recreation and common interest. As a result, in 1914 the Homestake Recreation Center and Opera House (Center) was constructed and was then operated by the Homestake Mining Company for over 60-years.

In the 70's, the Center was given to the City of Lead and was operated as the city owned and managed recreational facility. In the 80's it was determined that the City of Lead could save on recreational costs if they partnered with the non-profit, national YMCA organization. Having a non-profit as a partner would allow for memberships, grants, volunteer opportunities, etc. that were not obtainable as a City of Lead department. A partnership between the City of Lead and the YMCA was established and proved successful. Also in the 80's, the City of Lead was given the National Guard Armory Building (Armory) and it was used as the gymnasium portion of the City of Lead/YMCA recreation program.

After a few years as a YMCA, a horrific fire rendered the recreation portion of the Center building damaged beyond repair. For the next several years after the fire, the YMCA continued its programming in the city owned Armory building. The City of Lead then determined that a new recreational facility was needed to maintain a quality of life for its residents, and in 1988/1989 the City of Lead constructed the "Handley Center" building at 845 Miners. With the opening of the new "Handley Building" in 1989, the partnership with the YMCA was renewed and it was agreed that, with continued City of Lead support, the YMCA would again manage the City of Lead's recreation program at the Handley Building and the Armory. Subsequently, ownership of the YMCA/Handley Center and the Lead Armory building were passed onto the YMCA.

For almost 25-years this partnership continued to thrive as the City of Lead/YMCA together provided recreational programming including: swimming pool, sauna, hot tub, walking track, gymnasium, roller skating, basketball, baseball, soccer, hockey, Camp Discovery, Camp Chipmunk, cardio equipment, weight lifting equipment, baton twirling, racquetball, pre-school, day care facility, boxing, dance studio, tae kwon do, aerobics classes, etc. The partnership worked!

In 2009, due to increased requirements and fees, the Board of Directors dropped its affiliation to the YMCA and the center was subsequently renamed the Northern Hills Family Recreation Center (dba - Handley Recreation Center (Handley)). In 2011, due to many infrastructure issues, high maintenance costs, and increased competition, the Handley had no choice but to close the swimming pool. In 2013, a group of citizens presented petitions to call for a city vote to defund the Handley and it passed by only four votes. For two years, the Handley did not receive city funding and in that time a Boys and Girls Club of Lead Deadwood was created and the Handley once again became a hub of activity. The Board also set out on a mission to cap the swimming pool area with a new multi-purpose floor. In

2015, with this new activity and mission, the Handley petitioned the City of Lead to reinstate the funding and this passed with no opposition.

These major changes started with the sale of the Lead Armory Building in June of 2015. This sale put the armory building in private ownership and on the property tax rolls for the first time in its 50-plus year history. In addition to becoming a property tax generating building, the Armory is now a locally owned commercial building in Lead generating additional sales tax and economic development. The sale of the Armory also allows the Handley to concentrate on one building. With a small staff and tight budget, maintaining two large buildings was extremely difficult, time consuming, and expensive.

In May of 2015, the Handley was the lucky recipient of a \$200,000 grant from Coeur Wharf/Goldcorp to begin the process of constructing the multi-purpose floor over the pool. In October of 2015, the Handley was able to match this donation with an additional \$200,000 from the John T. Vucurevich Foundation. An additional loan was obtained and in early 2016, construction began on the new floor and HVAC system.

In mid-2016, the floor was poured, and the concrete was curing and it was ready for limited use. The kids from the Boys and Girls Club of Lead Deadwood could ride bikes, play basketball, soccer, and other activities on the concrete. After months of allowing the concrete to cure, the final flooring was installed in late 2016. In October, a grand opening was held with many activities and the community was thrilled to see the new floor.

In 2025, the Handley is again a hub of activity and is used by numerous local sports teams as a place to practice, kids enjoy roller skating many Friday nights, the Sanford Lab uses the building for Neutrino Day, pickle ball players use the facility almost daily in the winter, the walking track and cardio/weight room are used daily by numerous members, birthday parties are held, vendor fairs are sponsored, etc.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE 2024/2025

BUILDING MAINTENANCE – With the building being approximately 35-years old, maintenance is an on-going and constant struggle. Board members volunteer to help maintain the building.

NEW FLOOR - In 2024, a much needed new floor was placed in the dance room. This flooring was purchased locally and volunteers donated time to install. The room is now used for yoga, dancing and workout sessions.

THYSSEN MINING DONATION – Thyssen Mining donated some much needed furniture to the Handley including office chairs, desks and conference table.

PROGRAMMING 2024/2025

MILE HI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT – The 2025 Mile Hi Basketball Tournament saw 64 teams participating, and the community of Lead was very busy during that weekend. The 2026 Mile High Tournament is already on the schedule. This tournament brings thousands for example - 64 teams x 10 players = 640, 640 players with approximately 4 family members (parents, grandparents, siblings) = 2,560, in addition to coaches and refs. These visitors eat in our restaurants, stay in our hotels and purchase gas and groceries as the tournament is held over a three-day period. This tournament requires approximately 300 hours of volunteer time. The Handley is grateful to all those who help and support this tournament.

NEUTRINO DAY – For the past several years, the Sanford Lab has used the Handley gym as the location for several activities during Neutrino Day. The Hampton Inn is also used for Neutrino Day activities; and, between the two locations, there is a hub of innovation, science and fun that takes place. Over the years, the Sanford Lab had struggled to find a central location for the many activities. The Handley solved that problem and has been used for Neutrino Day each year since.

MOTHER'S DAY & HOLIDAY VENDOR FAIR – The Handley sponsored its 2nd Mother's Day Vendor Fair in 2025 with approximately 40 vendors. The first Holiday Vendor Fair was held in December of 2024 and plans are underway for a Holiday Vendor Fair in 2025. These events brought many people to town.

KIDS ENTREPRENEUR FAIR – The Handley also sponsored a Kids Entrepreneur Fair in 2024 for local youth who have businesses. Some of the booths set up include handmade jewelry, chocolates, resin items, wood working, etc. Community members supported these young business owners by purchasing many items. Many children had their own handmade business cards, kept track of inventory, bagged items, counted back change and thanked each one of their customers.

LEAD LIVE – In 2019, the Chamber of Commerce no longer wished to sponsor Lead Live. The Handley stepped up to the plate and has coordinated these community events. The Handley seeks financial sponsors to pay for bands and coordinates all vendors and entertainment.

NORTHERN HILLS REC ASSOCIATION BIKE REPAIR – In the spring of 2025, the Northern Hills Rec Association and the Handley entered into a partnership to house space for the Rec Association's

"Bike Repair Clinic & Schools Out Bike Bash." This event was very well attended, and according to the Rec Association's Facebook page "50 Helmets, about 30 bike tune-ups, 7 kids bikes given away, along with 2 e-bikes for adults that raised some great money for the program! 6 new applicants for kids bikes and 150 meals served!" The Handley was very honored to be a part of this great event that promoted bike safety!

EXPLORE FITNESS – The Handley currently rents space to Katrina Hutchison for her business "Explore Fitness and Dance." This partnership helps a Lead business stay strong and vital and gives Katrina a great location to grow her business.

YOGA CLASSES – Over the past year, the Handley has provided space for local Yogo enthusiasts.

DRINK SALES AT PARK EVENTS – Also in 2019, the Chamber of Commerce wished to no longer sell drinks during events at Manuel Brothers Park as a revenue source. The Handley stepped up again. While this is a funding source for the Handley, it is also a huge amount of work with hauling heavy cases of water, pop, beer, etc. It also requires a great deal of time from staff and Board members.

PRE-SCHOOL – In 2024/2025, the Handley continued to run its long existing pre-school program with most year's averaging approximately 18 students. The Lead Deadwood School District allows the program to run out of a classroom at the Middle School. This has been a great partnership and works wonderful for the program. The pre-school instructors are dedicated and well respected by the students and their families. The pre-school is a much needed service in our community.

ROLLER SKATING – Friday Skate Night is very popular and has been a 40-year tradition in Lead, and kids love it! The Handley will be hosting summer skate days for the Boys & Girls Club in 2025.

WEIGHT/CARDIO ROOM – The weight room continues to be a draw for members to the Handley. It is used constantly. With the introduction of 24-hour access several years ago, membership increased, and the weight and cardio equipment is used constantly. Board members are continually making improvements to this portion of the Handley.

WALKING TRACK – The walking track is also a big draw for locals. Several of those using the track are elderly and they so appreciate a safe place to exercise especially during the icy winter months.

ARCHERY CLUB – Every Saturday for several months the local Bullseye 4H Archery Club uses the new gym. Approximately 50 people attend.

RENTALS AND PARTIES – The gym has been used by local groups and organizations for everything from renaissance fairs to birthday parties.

YOUTH SPORTS – The gym is also used year-round for local sports teams as a place to practice. With Lead's wet springs months, the gym is particularly busy this time of year as summer programs are gearing up for the season. Without the Handley, these teams would not be able to practice.

BATTING CAGE – The batting cage is also a huge asset to the Handley and is used very often.

FITNESS CLASSES – A variety of fitness classes are held throughout the year such as yoga, cardio, etc.

4th OF JULY VOLLEYBALL – Another long-standing tradition of the Handley is to sponsor a volleyball tournament during the 4th of July. This year's event was lots of fun and had a great turnout.

501(c)3 STATUS/YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS – As a non-profit, the Handley has also entered into MOU's with several other entities to allow them to utilize this status. These groups include Lead Deadwood Youth Football, Lead Community Garden and Lead Deadwood STEAMwerks. This saves these organizations money and allows them to receive grants when a 501(c)3 status is required.

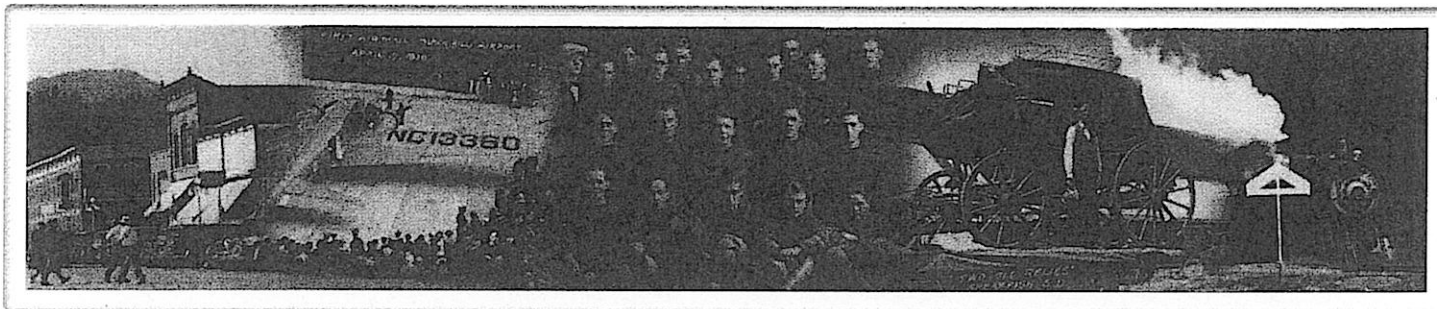
STRATEGIC PLAN – In 2023–24, with the help of Innovative Non-Profit, Inc., The Handley implemented a five-year strategic plan to guide its future. The organization is currently doing everything possible to ensure that this well-thought-out plan is being effectively implemented.

GOALS FOR 2026

CONTINUE ON-GOING PROGRAMMING – The Handley plans to continue all of its on-going programming as mentioned above.

ON-GOING INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE – With a 35-year old building, the infrastructure maintenance is in constant need of repair and replacement. Main items that are in urgent need are a new heating/cooling system in the lobby area, exterior repairs and outside drainage issues. It is believed that newer technology and more efficient units in heating/cooling could also reduce utility bills.

INCREASE PROGRAMMING – The Handley Board has had an on-going goal of providing new and fun programming.



FASSBENDER PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION



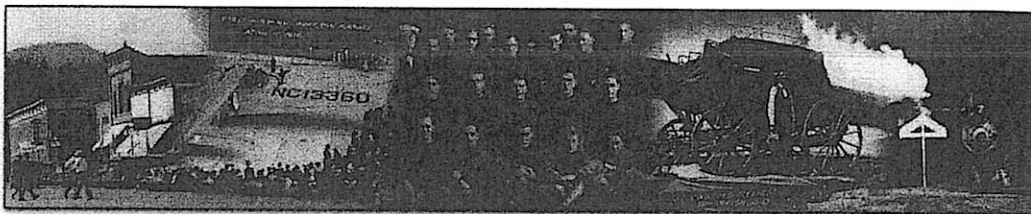
2026 Funding Request

Prepared for: city of Lead, S.D.

Prepared by: Vicki Dar, Fassbender Photographic Collection Board Treasurer

June 1, 2025

Amount requested: \$21,000



FASSBENDER PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

The communities of Spearfish, Lead, and Deadwood purchased the Fassbender Photographic Collection in 2010. In addition to your funding commitment, each community appointed representatives to a board of directors to oversee organization and conservation efforts. Lawrence County joined in the conservation effort in 2016 with additional funding support.

The City of Lead's continued financial support for the Fassbender Photographic Collection helps preserve a historic resource of immense cultural value to our region and the greater American West. It contains an estimated 800,000 images and hundreds of photographic artifacts and archival materials.

Joseph Fassbender was a prolific photographer, recording many of the most important events in the Black Hills during the 20th century. His photographs appeared in Life Magazine, Time, Ford Magazine, and the Saturday Evening Post. Fassbender's collection also contains historic photos shot by other Black Hills area photographers, including some of the first to arrive in Dakota Territory.

For 2026, we respectfully request \$21,000 from the City of Lead

As one of the founding municipal owners of the Fassbender Photographic Collection, the City of Lead plays a crucial role in the care, preservation and promotion of this irreplaceable cultural asset.

Richard Carlson is the Fassbender Digital Specialist. His work focuses on three core areas. **1) Public access**—through events, exhibits and a newsletter. You'll find the latest newsletter edition included in this packet. **2) Digital conservation**—continuing the long-term digitization and preservation of fragile materials **3) Volunteer management**—building and guiding a team of volunteers to accelerate conservation efforts.

We embrace opportunities for education and exposure at South Dakota history conferences and our own events in the three communities. Our outreach efforts have been met enthusiastically—dozens of families have discovered ancestral photographs, creating meaningful connections across generations. In addition, we fulfill requests for stunning historical images that are used both commercially and privately. Collection photographs can be found in many locations.

For example, if you have not yet visited the Fassbender exhibit which opened at the Days of '76 Museum, we recommend you pay a visit soon. We would also encourage you to share information about the collection, and the role Lead has played in making it possible, in your own community and organization newsletters.

All of these efforts have been enhanced by the stewardship agreement with Deadwood History, Inc.(DHI) that commenced on January 1, 2022. The agreement formalized a more streamlined management of shared staff resources, exhibit opportunities at DHI properties, financial record-keeping, public outreach and education opportunities.

The Fassbender Collection is not simply stored in our care — it is owned by your city. Your support safeguards your investment and ensures that this photographic legacy of the Black Hills—the stories, faces, and events of our region—remain available to the public now and for generations to come.

Thank you for your continuing support. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss our 2026 goals in more detail, please contact me directly or reach out to our partners at Deadwood History, Inc.

Vicki Dar
Fassbender Photographic Collection Board Treasurer
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BYLAWS
of the
FASSBENDER PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION, INC.

ARTICLE 1
NAME AND PURPOSES

Section 1.01. Name. The name of the organization is FASSBENDER PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION, INC.

Section 1.02. Purpose. The Corporation is organized for the charitable and educational purposes to preserve and conserve the historic Fassbender photographic collection for public enrichment of the Northern Black Hills history.

ARTICLE 2
MEMBERS

Section 2.01. Classes. The membership of the corporation shall consist of three members, namely the serving Mayor of the City of Lead, the City of Spearfish, and the City of Deadwood. Members may establish and provide for associate, non-voting classes of membership to individuals and corporations which support the mission and the purposes of the organization, and who provide in-kind services or other financial support to the corporation.

Section 2.02. Qualifications. The Board of Directors may establish one or more classes of associate, non-voting membership, and establish dues or other financial requirements for obtaining associate membership. Associate members shall have no voting rights. The Board may also provide for suspension or termination of associate members who become ineligible for associate membership, or whom shall be in default in the payment of dues or other financial contributions.

Section 2.03. Meetings. The annual membership meeting shall be held in March of each year, or at any other time established by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall also set the time and place of each annual meeting.

Section 2.04. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members attending in person or through teleconferencing. All decisions will be by a majority vote of those present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the members present may adjourn any meeting until a quorum be had. Notice of any adjourned meeting need not be given.

ARTICLE 3
AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

Section 3.01. Authority of Directors. The Board of Directors is the policy-making body and may exercise all the powers and authority granted to the Corporation by law.

2026 Fassbender Collection Proposed Budget

EXPENSES	BUDGET	
Wages/Administrative/Benefits	\$48,940.00	
Storage 1 (vault)	\$10,560.00	
Storage 2 (office)	\$0.00	
Equipment	\$3,500.00	
Supplies	\$5,500.00	
Education/Conferences	\$1,000.00	
Marketing/Web	\$2,500.00	
Insurance	\$1,500.00	
Total	\$73,500.00	
REVENUE		
City of Deadwood	\$21,000.00	
City of Lead	\$21,000.00	
City of Spearfish	\$21,000.00	
County of Lawrence	\$10,500.00	
Total	\$73,500.00	

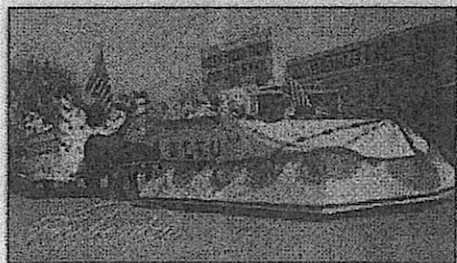
HISTORIC BLACK HILLS STUDIOS

HOME OF THE FASSBENDER PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

Recently Digitized



South Dakota Governor William J. Bulow fishing in Spearfish Creek. He was governor from 1927-1931.



This Swarm Day float from 1929 reflects an issue of the times. The Women's Christian Temperance Union promoted keeping the prohibition of alcohol.

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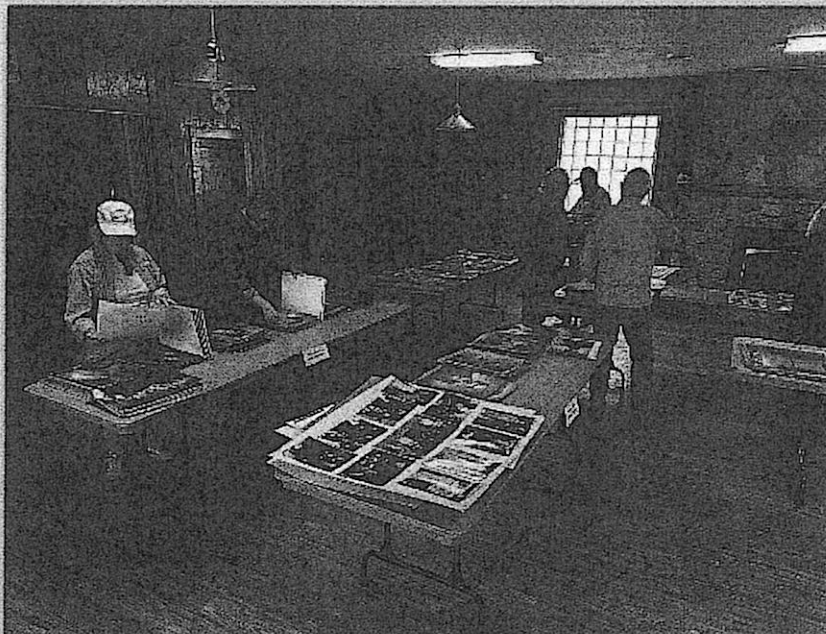
"Your first 10,000 photographs are your worst."

— Henri Cartier-Bresson



Road Show

Attendees once again helped identify more than a hundred portrait and wedding photos that are part of the Fassbender Photographic Collection. Collection volunteers spent a Saturday at the Snappers Club in Spearfish to help visitors go through stacks of images and make the identifications. Many of the prints formerly hung in the storefront windows of Black Hills Studio when it was still operating in Spearfish.



Above: Attendees search through the stacks of unidentified prints at the Snappers Club.



Left: Barbara (Morcom) Matson found two prints of herself.

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Recently Digitized



The "Friendly Service" Mobilgas station opened in August 1935 in Spearfish. Construction was done by Thompson Brothers Construction and was turned over to A.L. Clark, a local Second-Vacuum distributor.



This Adams Museum image is dated June 1962.



The Liberty Motel (pictured here in 1962) was located in Deadwood across from current day Twin City Hardware.

2025 Conferences

May 7-9, 2025

South Dakota State Historical Society state conference in Deadwood.

The 2025 Annual History Conference will be in Deadwood on May 8th and 9th. The theme is "Historical Mysteries: In Search of the Buried Past."

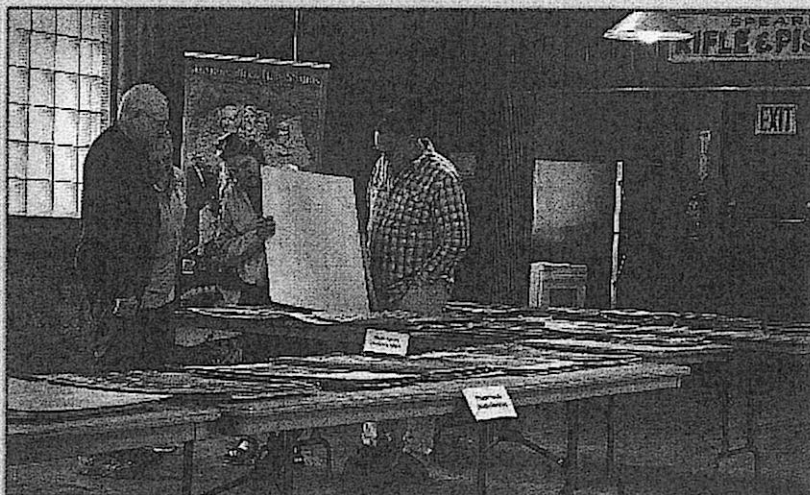
October 1-3, 2025

West River History Conference in Deadwood.

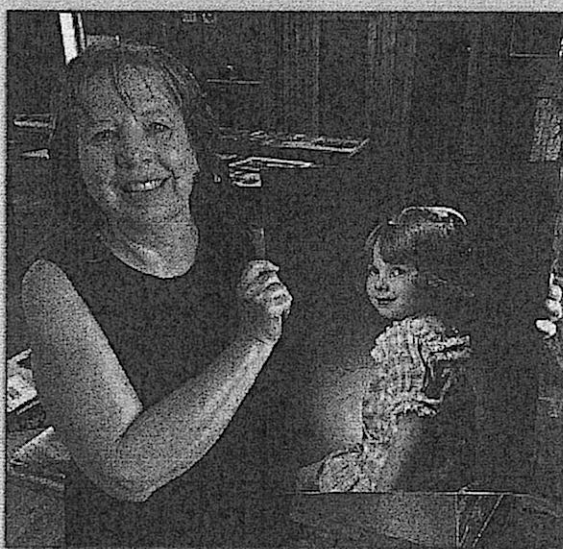
The theme for 2025 is "Historic 1876 Deadwood: LIVING the PAST!"

(www.westriverhistoryconference.org)

Road Show (cont.)

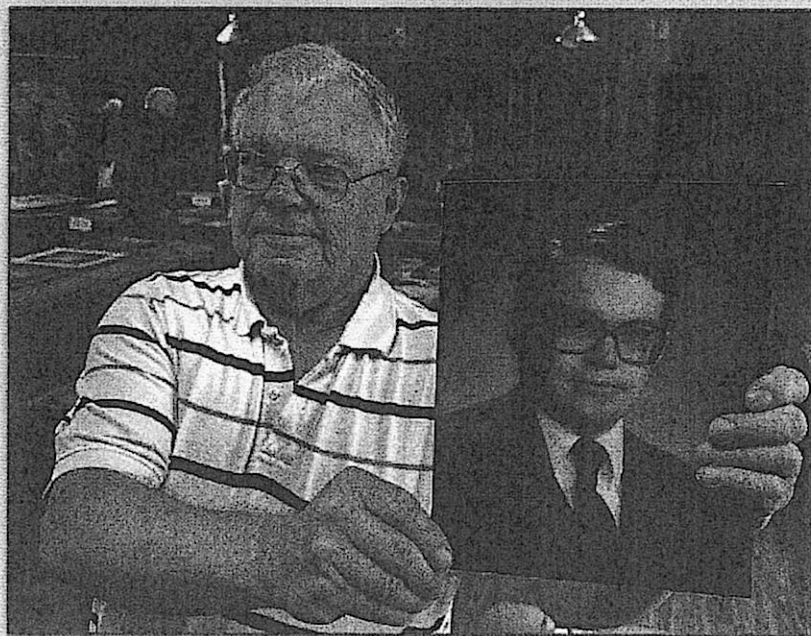


Above: Working the tables of prints looking for familiar faces.



Left: Patricia (Weber) Dias holds a portrait of her younger self.

Below: Dick King found his portrait from decades ago.



Jami Grangaard
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Lead Area Chamber of Commerce
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Lead City Commission
801 W Main Street
Lead, SD 57754

RE: FY25 Funding Request from the Lead Area Chamber of Commerce

Dear Mayor and Members of the Lead City Commission,

On behalf of the Lead Area Chamber of Commerce, thank you for your continued support of our efforts to promote Lead, drive tourism, and strengthen our local economy. We are proud of the impact we've made over the past year and excited about what lies ahead.

For the upcoming fiscal year, we are requesting a consolidated total of \$155,000 from the City of Lead. This request represents a combined ask for all categories of funding—City event planning & execution, marketing, and data services, promotion, etc.—rather than individual line items. However, for transparency and planning purposes, we have included a separate document outlining the itemized breakdown of how these funds are proposed to be allocated.

Last year, our original request totaled \$90,000:

- \$70,000 for base operational funding
- \$15,000 for marketing
- \$5,000 for Placer.ai visitor analytics

Ultimately, we received:

- \$65,000 base
- \$5,000 marketing (received in a separate request)
- \$5,000 Placer.ai

Visitor numbers at our major events increased by 20%, and year-to-date visitor data shows an overall increase of nearly 3% over last year, and a 6.5% increase over three years ago, according to Placer.ai analytics. This is direct evidence of tourism growth and the effectiveness of our outreach. Our social media presence has also surged. Year to date our increase is:

- Follower growth increased by 109%
- Our content reached over 231,000 viewers, up 61% from the previous year
- We saw nearly 21,000 visits to our page—an increase of 36% year-over-year

These numbers translate into increased awareness of Lead, more visitors in town, and ultimately more dollars flowing into our hotels, restaurants, bars, and shops.

At the core of the Chamber's work is a focused mission: to drive business to the places that support and grow our local tax revenue. Every dollar we invest in marketing, promotions, and events is with this goal in mind.

We have taken on additional tasks to help promote Lead businesses like our rebranded 2nd Saturdays - Mile High Market. The Chamber is doing marketing and social media for these city-benefited events. There has been talk of the Chamber taking on Lead Live as well, a task we are not opposed to managing.

Over the last several months, my board and I have also made it a priority to dig into historical files and finances. What we've uncovered is the substantial amount of money the Chamber has invested over the years in marketing Lead, particularly under the "Visit Lead" — much of which was not fully communicated or documented in the past. We're changing that. Moving forward, we are committed to greater transparency, data-informed decisions, and detailed reporting on how funds are used to benefit our community. Our continued bi-weekly meeting with the City Administrator has been beneficial for both parties to really understand what's happening and how we can work better together.

We believe that the requested **\$155,000** will allow us to continue building on our momentum, expand our reach, and ensure that Lead continues to rise as a top destination in the Black Hills.

Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss the funding request in more detail.

Sincerely,
Jami Grangaard
Executive Director
Lead Area Chamber of Commerce

Vendor/Type	Cost	Purpose/Use	Labor in Hours	
Black Hills Badlands Tourism Office	\$10,000	Membership, Visit Lead ads in tourism publications, Lit Swap	40	
SD State Tourism Conference	\$2,500	Visit Lead table (we shared with SURF last year and mad a "Lead" table. We shared Opera House data, trails maps, Lead Magazine, etc.	40	
Fireworks	\$25,000	Fireworks for Winterfest & Gold Camp	725 [1]	
Bounce Houses	\$5,000	Free entertainment for children @ Gold Camp Jubilee		
Porta Potties	\$3,800	Gold Camp Jubilee necessity/Fall in Love with Lead		
Musicians/Sound	\$3,000	Fall In Love with Lead/Crafts at the Cut	200 [2]	
Musicians	\$5,000	Gold Camp Jubilee entertainment [3]		
Musicians	\$1,500	Winterfest Songwriter Series		
Event Advertising - RoShamBo	\$2,000	Winterfest		
Event Advertising - RoShamBo	\$3,000	Gold Camp Jubilee		
Event Advertising - RoShamBo	\$2,500	Fall in Love with Lead/Crafts at the Cut		
Event Advertising - RoShamBo	\$1,000	Light Up Lead/Shop Local	80	
Event Poster Printing	\$750	Gold Camp, Crafts at the Cut, Winterfest		
Social media for events				
PlacerAi	\$12,000	Chamber Portion - to help with marketing and seeing visitor trends (City provided \$5000 this year, Chamber paid \$7000		
BHBL Passport book/sticker program	\$2,000	Visitors have a map to collect city stickers throughout the Black Hills & trail trek		
Promotion Lead Event Videos	\$5,000	**This includes a video for 2026 July 4th event once all details are outlined		
South Dakota Magazine	\$2,000	Visit Lead publications in magazines		
Lead Magazine	\$10,000	Promote Events, City of Lead spaces (parks/trails) Heritage Fest & Member Business directory	320	
Event planning hours	\$54,775	calculated ata 1565 hours annually @ \$35/hour		
Visit Lead Packets	\$5,000	Lead Magazine & Sticker	160	
	\$155,825		1565	54775
*RoShamBo = Marketing company (formerly Robert Sharp & Associates)				

[1] 200 hours - Winterfest
480 hours - Gold Camp
+ 145 hours of board time commitment

[2] 200 hours - Fall In Love With Lead

[3] 4 different bands/musicians playing 2-3 hours each on July 3rd/4th

Metrics

Jan 1 - Jul 7, 2025

Property:



Lead City Limits

Greenwood Street, Lead, SD 57754



Scan to view on placer.ai platform



Metrics

Jan 1 - Jul 7, 2025

Metrics

● **Lead City Limits**
Greenwood Street, Lead, SD 57754

Visits	545K	Panel Visits	36.3K
Visitors	222.2K	Visits YoY	+2.9%
Visit Frequency	2.45	Visits Yo2Y	+5.8%
Avg. Dwell Time	233 min	Visits Yo3Y	+6.4%

Jan 1st, 2025 - Jul 7th, 2025
Data provided by Placer Labs Inc. (www.placer.ai)





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City of Lead Commissioners

July 9, 2025

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the DLEDC Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your continued support over the lifetime of our organization. It is our mission to support existing businesses, attract new businesses and advocate for quality jobs in our community. With that we humbly request \$47,500 from the 2026 Bed & Booze fund, an increase of \$10,000 over 2025.

Direct services provided by DLEDC to our clients and the community in 2025 include:

*Tracking, training and communicating sales and tourism tax. This helps businesses understand the highest spending times of the year and allows them to plan accordingly. Additionally, sales tax is a great indicator of the types of businesses that are doing well and where gaps in service might be.

*Tracking home and commercial units for sale and for lease. This includes a deeper dive into the number of days on the market and the median home price in the area. This information helps us understand why our school district is outside of the state formula. Local bankers use this information to understand how quickly homes are moving in Lead, specifically homes under \$500,000. The lack of inventory helps local builders know what buyers are looking for and what they are willing to spend.

*Connecting property owners and key business owners. As you know this is no small feat. The lack of affordable and available inventory makes it difficult to bring new businesses into town. It is vital that DLEDC continue to work with the City of Lead to identify any and all potential opportunities. In addition, DLEDC provides business support services like drafting business plans and creating budgets for any business in need.

*Since 2003 DLEDC has invested nearly \$15,000,000 in local businesses through our revolving loan fund. DLEDC has a current total investment of \$1,508,911 with \$696,780 invested in Lead businesses. A part of the RLF is surveying our clients to ensure that they are able to meet their financial obligations, are finding staff, and receiving support where needed.



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*DLEDC strives to be more than a body in an office. We are committed to supporting local businesses and events and truly advocating for positive growth.

In addition to all of that, it has become necessary for DLEDC to take a front-seat approach to promoting Lead Main Street businesses and tourism. So far this year DLEDC has; worked with local business owners to form a nonpartisan group called Lead Main Street Initiative (MSI), supported local events through grants/awards and volunteerism, connected with large groups of tourists to share the history of Lead and promote Main Street businesses, and DLEDC has created a free Main Street Go Pass with discounts for local businesses to be distributed to groups, on social media and websites, and participating businesses.

The increase request of \$10,000 will be used to continue these efforts and more in a sustainable way. Additional funds could allow DLEDC to play a stronger role in understanding tourism data and trends and be an advocate at the state level for tourism, and funds to support necessary infrastructure improvements.

DLEDC requested \$37,500 in 2025 and was allocated \$37,500. The entire amount will be used towards the daily operating expenses incurred to accomplish the items listed above.

Attached please find the board approved budget for 2025 and proposed budget for 2026.

It is with sincere gratitude that I submit this request to the City of Lead.

Emma Garvin
Executive Director