

Memorandum #08-133

To: *City Commission*
From: *Doug Russell, City Manager*
Date: *7/11/2008*
Subject: *Request for Additional Funding for Lewis & Clark Theatre*

Attached is a letter from Chuck Lambertz, Executive Director, Lewis & Clark Theatre, which describes their request for additional funding to be used to help replace the air conditioning units and related items in the building. Chuck will be at Monday's meeting to discuss this request.

Thank you,

Doug Russell
City Manager

Lewis & Clark THEATRE

To: City of Yankton
Re: Request for Special Project Grant

This letter is a request for a special project grant in the amount of \$5000. The money will be used to help replace the air conditioning units and related items of the Lewis & Clark Theatre building (Dakota Theatre).

The Dakota Theatre houses the Lewis & Clark Theatre Company (LCTC), its offices and performance space. The theatre company provides performance opportunities and entertainment to the citizens of Yankton and surrounding communities in a one hundred and six year old building. It is for the comfort of these patrons and performers that it is imperative the air conditioner be installed.

The Lewis and Clark Theatre Company has earlier this year replaced the theatre's furnaces. To demonstrate the efficiency and stability of the theatre company, all monies necessary for this replacement were raised by LCTC. Unfortunately, LCTC cannot raise the necessary sum for the installation of the air conditioning units within the time-frame. The deadline for the installation is July 24, 2008, opening night of *Annie Get Your Gun*.

Lewis and Clark is aggressively seeking donations from interested individuals and corporate donors for this project. The theatre asks the City of Yankton to be a part of this project by helping it to continue to entertain its patrons in comfort during these hot and uncomfortable South Dakota summers and to keep "The show going on".

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



Chuck Lambertz, Executive Director
Lewis & Clark Theatre Company