SUSTAINABILITY AWARD APPLICATION FORM

Complete the following to apply for the City of Rapid City's Sustainability Award:

Contact Name: _____   **Phone Number**: _____

Address: _____   Rapid City, SD

Email: _____   **Date**: _____

The Sustainability Committee recognizes businesses, organizations, groups or individuals who demonstrate positive environmental, economic and social practices. **Check the following categories that apply to your project** (see the back page for examples):

☐ Land Use ☐ Waste Management/Recycling

☐ Green Building Design ☐ Water Use

☐ Transportation ☐ Education

☐ Natural Resource Protection ☐ Health & Safety

☐ Other reason(s) not mentioned above: _____

Name of the organization, individual, or project that you are nominating: _____

Provide a summary of the project and how it demonstrates sustainable practices (you may attach additional pages if necessary)**:**

The Rapid City Sustainability Committee will review all applications and will contact you and/or the nominee. Sustainability Awards are presented at Rapid Common City Council Meetings on a quarterly basis.

Applications can be submitted online (www.rapidcitysustainability.com/awards), by email (rapidcitysustainability@gmail.com), or by mail to: Rapid City Sustainability Committee, c/o Mayor's Office, 300 6th Street, Rapid City, SD 57701.

For more information, please call (605) 394-4110 or email: rapidcitysustainability@gmail.com

Examples of Sustainable Practices:

	ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS	ECONOMIC ASPECTS	SOCIAL ASPECTS
LAND USE	• Responsible use of land • Maximizes use of existing land for new use • Provides access to green space • Encourages mixed use • Conserves natural resources	• Beneficial to the community • Creates local jobs, both short or long term • Improves opportunities for new businesses	• Promotes local quality of life • Improves individual feeling of community involvement • Assesses the needs throughout the entire city • Provides a balance of amenities throughout the city
GREEN BUILDING DESIGN	• Improves indoor air quality • Utilizes natural lighting and ventilation • Utilizes recycled materials • Reduces landfill use • Utilizes renewable energy	• Lowers energy use by maximizing efficiency • Use of local resources • Promotes affordable housing	• Fosters community identity • Creates local jobs, both short or long term • Respects & uses local people, energy & raw materials • Promotes building community sustainable values
TRANSPORTATION	• Lowers overall emissions • Reduces use of non-renewable energy	• Links area businesses, products and services to local customers • Fosters alternatives to single car use such as carpooling, mass transit, biking or walking	• Promotes community involvement • Fosters alternatives to single car use such as carpooling or bike paths • Provides for the handicapped • Improves accessibility • Improves public safety
WASTE MNGMT./ RECYCLING	• Reduces landfill use • Reduces water pollution • Reduce, Reuse, Recycle • Eliminate single-use plastics	• Recycles money back into the community • Creates local jobs, both short or long term	• Promotes building community sustainable values • Fosters community identity
WATER USE	• Reduces water use • Recycles waste water and grey water • Minimizes storm water runoff and prevents water quality degradation	• Saves money • Promotes alternatives to wasting water • Reduces demand on water treatment infrastructure	• Promotes building community sustainable values • Fosters community identity • Promotes the safe use of water resources for recreation like fishing or swimming
EDUCATION	• Promotes personal/community stewardship of local resources	• Beneficial to the community	• Teaches and promotes future generation sustainable stewardship • Fosters community identity • Promotes civic engagement
NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION	• Protects/cleans the air • Improves/protects scenic beauty • Protects Night Skies	• Regenerates money into the community • Protects renewable natural resources • Saves or creates jobs	• Teaches and promotes future generation sustainable stewardship • Fosters community identity