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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Chiesman Foundation for Democracy, Inc., awards ten nonprofit organizations with training and technical assistance

RAPID CITY, SD – The Chiesman Foundation for Democracy, Inc. (CFFD) has announced that ten nonprofit organizations have been awarded training and technical assistance through the Strengthening Communities Fund.

The ten organizations are:

- Jackson Kadoka Economic Development Corporation, Kadoka
- Front Porch Coalition, Rapid City
- Love, Inc. of the Black Hills, Rapid City
- Youth & Family Services, Rapid City
- Black Hills Crisis Pregnancy Center, Rapid City
- Rapid City Club for Boys, Rapid City
- SANI-T, Rapid City
- Black Hills State University Center for Economic Opportunity, Spearfish
- Northern Hills Area CASA Program, Spearfish
- Sturgis Center for the Arts/My Sister's Closet, Sturgis

In October, CFFD received an American Recovery and Investment Act grant known as the *Strengthening Communities Fund* (SCF). Administered by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services — Administration for Children & Families, SCF is designed to build organizational capacity by providing training and technical assistance, and financial assistance to nonprofit organizations in the Black Hills region (Butte, Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade and Pennington counties), including Pine Ridge Reservation (Jackson and Shannon counties).

Each year of this two-year program, organizations will be selected to receive training and technical assistance through a competitive application process. Organizations must have at least one substantial secular social service program that will benefit from CFFD's assistance.

The Chiesman Foundation for Democracy, Inc. is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that serves as a forum to provide greater awareness of the meaning of democracy and the importance of active citizen participation in the democratic process. The Foundation promotes and supports greater awareness of democratic ideals by citizens and organizations by providing programming for civic participation, education and research.