

**City of Seward, NE**  
**Tuesday, April 19, 2016**  
**Regular Session**

**Item G6**

**CONSIDERATION OF SEWARD FOUNDATION  
APPLICATION - Clark Kolterman**

*Request for Seward Foundation to sponsor Chautauqua 2017*

*Request for Seward Foundation to provide \$1,000 to assist with Seward's Sesquicentennial celebration*

**Administrative Report:** The agenda request forms are attached. The application for the Chautauqua will be provided in a separate email and added to the packet prior to the meeting.

**Staff Contact:**



# SEWARD

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PUBLIC REQUEST FOR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

DATE: April 14  
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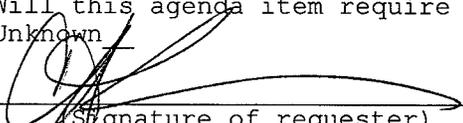
EXPLANATION OF REQUEST:

Chautaugua 2017 Endorse for  
Foundation Request -

ACTION REQUESTED:

Support request to  
Foundation to again sponsor  
Chautaugua 2017 in Seward -

Will this agenda item require the expenditure of funds? Yes  No  by foundation  
Unknown

  
(Signature of requester)

Clark A Kolterman  
(Print Name)

Council meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of every month. All requests for the Agenda must be submitted by noon on the Wednesday preceding the Council meeting, any item received after this time would have to be of an emergency nature. Once a request is received, Administration will review it and determine whether or not it requires Mayor/Council action, or whether it is an item that needs to be handled by staff.

Received by: Bonnie Elte Date: 4/14/16  
(City employee)

>From: Clark A. Kolterman <[clark.kolterman@sewardschools.org](mailto:clark.kolterman@sewardschools.org)>

Subject: Grant Request Form

Phone: 402-643-6138

Address: 660 East Pinewood Avenue

Project Name: Chautauqua 2017

Will be submitted to: City Council

Description of Project:

We again request the Seward Foundation be the major sponsor for the Nebraska Chautauqua in 2017. The Seward Foundation underwrote the sponsorship in 1996 (\$4000) and 2000 (\$7000) and we hope to bring the Chautauqua back in 2017 (\$5000)-as an official \$150 event for Seward. The theme salutes World War I and with the new Nebraska National Guard Museum open, we felt the timing was right and would make a perfect addition for our Nebraska, County and City of Seward's Sesquicentennials!

Additional Information: Seward has hosted many Chautauqua's in it's 150 years and has a rich history with Chautauqua's. Seward enjoyed hosting two very successful Chautauqua's in recent years-1996 and 2000. This would be one similar to the format of the previous ones, however we would locate it behind the new Nebraska National Guard Museum. Our target market includes all ages of the community, as it did in the past-involving children with a host of educational activities and exhibits, speakers and programs to tie in with the activities of the evening speakers and themes.

We again would incorporate the large tent with the evening shows, however also have the new Nebraska National Guard museum facility and the Seward Civic Center for resource space, along with the beautiful new Seward Memorial Library.

Interestingly, the Chautauqua would be on the location originally known as Chautauqua Park and the last Chautauqua's that played in Seward were the Red Path Chautauqua's involving local talent-two Seward boys of the past-Dave Koch -"Mr. Magic" and Buddy Imig and his Troop of Talent!"

The week long event would feature a variety of exhibits and happenings throughout the week-offering programs and activities for all ages, culminating each evening with a program featuring local talent in the "Pre-Show" and one of the featured speakers from the Humanities under the theme of the era of World War I. The featured speakers include actors portraying William Jennings Bryan, Woodrow Wilson, Edith Wharton, W E B Du Bois and Jane Addams. We would make this a City wide effort, involving the youth/children in the community, seniors and citizens of all ages. We would incorporate a host of activities to promote the event and try and reach all segments of the community-offering events at all times of the day!

Financial Information:

We would base the financials on the success of the last two, and thus request sponsorship of the program from the Seward Foundation, along with support of the local businesses and civic groups with specific sponsorship's of various programs. The Seward Arts Council, a local 501 c 3 organization, has

already agreed to handle all the funds and donations-serving as the event's fiscal officer. We estimate the cost of this project at \$10,000.

Total Project Cost: \$10,000

### **Operating Budget**

Who will continue to fund and maintain this program on an on-going basis?:

Chautauqua -Seward 2017

Expenses:

Sponsorship fee	\$5000	
Advertising	\$1000	
Lodging	\$1000	
Transportation	\$1000	
Site Expenses	\$1000	
Miscellaneous	\$1000	
Total Expenses		\$10,000

Income:

Sponsorship Fee:	\$5000	
Corporate Donations	\$3000	
Seward Arts Council	\$1000	
Seward Co. Vis. Comm	\$1000	
Total Income		\$10,000

Note: in the past some expenses and income were generated from "In-kind" gifts.

Describe how the budget figures were arrived at?

Based on the previous two local Seward Chautauqua's!

Will this grant be sufficient to start/continue this program/project?

If approved, the Seward Foundation will be the Major Corporate Sponsor, as in the past!

Are you submitting this request elsewhere for funding considerations? If so, to whom and for how much?

Funds from the Nebraska Arts Council and various corporate sponsorship's too. In the past both the Omaha World Herald was a sponsor, along with Hughes Brothers.

Has this request been made elsewhere and turn down? If so, why?

No

After grant monies from the Seward Foundation, Inc. has been expended what plans are being made to ensure the ongoing operation of the project/program?

This is a once in a decade (or so) project. (It takes that long to forget how much work is involved!)

## Other Information

Is this project application related to a new or on-going program?

This project ties in perfectly with the new Nebraska National Guard museum and our City of Seward, Seward County and Nebraska's Sesquicentennials.

Who was involved in the development and planning of this program/project?

The Seward Arts Council, the Seward Sesquicentennial Committee and the Nebraska National Guard Museum administration.

Will this program/project be evaluated regularly and if so by whom?

It will probably be evaluated by the people that attend. The last two we sponsored both broke attendance records and created great memories.

Is the project/program ready to begin immediately? If not, what is the target date for completion and/or readiness?

What we need now is to have a letter of sponsorship (confirmation letter) from the Seward Foundation to guarantee that they would be the main sponsor for the Chautauqua. Then we can proceed with the application. The Humanities Nebraska selects two communities to host the event each year and they cannot be major communities in size such as Lincoln or Omaha. We feel that because we are hosting our own Sesquicentennial and our proximity to Lincoln, we should have a great chance at hosting the event. This year they are in Hastings and North Platte.

Nebraska Chautauqua Application

2017

“World War I: Legacies of a Forgotten War”

Host

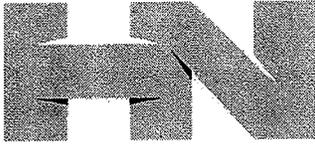
City of Seward

Seward Arts Council

Nebraska National Guard Museum

Seward, Nebraska

“Nebraska’s Official Fourth of July City”



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**Nebraska Chautauqua Application**  
**“World War I: Legacies of a Forgotten War”**  
**Preferred Dates: Second, Third, or Fourth weeks of June – 2016**  
**Application Deadline: September 15, 2015**

In exploring the impacts of World War I on the United States and the lasting impacts on the world in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and beyond, “WWI” will feature scholars portraying the following historical characters:

- **Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924)**, U.S. President from 1913-1921, leader in the Paris Peace Conference in 1919, author of the Fourteen Points and architect of League of Nations
- **Edith Wharton (1862-1937)**, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Age of Innocence* and many other works, traveled to the front during WWI and advocate of American involvement in the war.
- **W.E.B. Du Bois (1868-1963)**, sociologist and historian, civil rights activist, author & editor, co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).
- **William Jennings Bryan (1860-1925)**, politician and orator, frequent speaker on the Chautauqua circuit, 3-time Democratic presidential candidate, populist leader, Congressman from Nebraska, Secretary of State under Woodrow Wilson.
- **Jane Addams (1860-1935)**, social worker, founder of Hull House, author, women’s suffrage and peace leader.

The “WWI” Chautauqua is presented by Humanities Nebraska with support from the Nebraska Cultural Endowment and the National Endowment for the Humanities and will visit **two** communities each summer from 2016-2018. Each tent presentation of the 4-day Chautauqua begins with approximately 30-45 minutes of entertainment related to the theme (local entertainment on Thursday through Sunday evening, with Young Chautauquans on Friday evening). Our moderator, President Woodrow Wilson is then introduced to provide some initial comments and then introduces the featured guest who speaks to the audience as the historical figure followed by an opportunity for the audience to question the historical figure. The audience then has the opportunity to question the scholar, who can provide an historical corrective to any self-serving responses that the historical character may have given or answer more contemporary questions that the historical character could not explore. The program also provides pre-Chautauqua book & community discussions, daily adult workshops during Chautauqua week conducted by the scholars, activities/workshops for youth including a Youth Chautauqua Camp (who present their portrayals Friday evening before the featured presentation), and a traveling exhibit. The Chautauqua week kicks off on Wednesday evening with a “Meet the Chautauquans” event and possibly some initial scholar workshops Wednesday afternoon (full schedules yet to be determined).

### **Primary Expectations of the Community**

#### **Financial**

Host communities are expected to contribute toward program costs of the Nebraska Chautauqua.

- **Community fee due May 1 of the year of the event (May 1, 2016 for 2016 sites, etc.).**
  - Communities under 1,500 are required to contribute \$3,500
  - Communities over 1,500 are required to contribute \$5,000
- **Local advertising and publicity** is the responsibility of the host community (except materials provided by Humanities Nebraska), as well as costs of community events to complement Chautauqua.

# Application Narrative

On a separate page (typed) please answer the following questions:

✓ 1. **What is your vision for Chautauqua in your community?**

- ✓ • *Who will be involved? What non-profit organizations/entities will take the lead in organizing efforts?*
- ✓ • *What other events and activities will complement it?*
- ✓ • *How will you promote it?*
- ✓ • *How will you involve schools, community organizations and community leadership?*
- ✓ • *What programs and activities will you have leading up to Chautauqua to build community interest and prepare people for full participation?*

*Please include elements like a general advertising plan, who will raise the funds, who you have in mind to be on the steering committee, who will supply the vehicles, electric power, and sound equipment, as well as organizations that will provide volunteers and other support/contributions.*

✓ 2. **Why should HN select your community as a Chautauqua site?**

- ✓ • *What will be the benefits for your community and region?*
- ✓ • *Why would your community be a successful site?*
- ✓ • *How much support (monetary and other donations, volunteers, in-kind, etc.) do you expect to get?*
- ✓ • *What would be unique about the "WWI" Chautauqua in your community?*

## Enclosures

Please enclose the following in your application packet:

- ✓ 1. **Confirmation Letter:** A letter from the sponsoring non-profit organization(s) confirming that your community can meet the "financial" and "community/volunteer support" requirements for hosting Chautauqua.
- ✓ 2. **Letters of Support:** Evidence of **broad community support**—from the mayor and other community officials, outstanding volunteers, businesses and arts organizations, chambers of commerce, tourism organizations, senior centers, service clubs, libraries, historical societies, age groups, newspapers and radio stations. **Include letters from as many people and organizations as you can enlist in collaborating on a successful Chautauqua.** Your proposal will be more competitive if they describe specifically how they will contribute to Chautauqua.

**Please submit two (2) hard copies or one electronic copy (sent to [kristi@humanitiesnebraska.org](mailto:kristi@humanitiesnebraska.org)) of the application form, narrative and enclosures no later than September 15, 2015.**

**Please direct any questions to Kristi Hayek Carley, Chautauqua Coordinator at the aforementioned email address or 402-474-2131 ext. 108.**

**Community and Volunteer Support**

Host communities will be expected to provide the following (but not limited to):

- Steering committee and sub-committees to assist the project coordinators
- A well-protected site for the tent (a grassy area in a park or some other option, in consultation with HN)
- Electric lines & sufficient power near the tent; arrangements for sound & security at the tent
- Nine rooms of lodging, including one room donated by the community
- One loaner car for local use by the Troupe during Chautauqua including transportation for scholars to the tent every evening and to their workshops
- Coordinators for scholar workshops, Youth Chautauqua Camp, other youth programs, & pre-Chautauqua book and community discussions
- Coordination and accounting of in-kind contributions and donations
- Periodic meetings/consultations with Nebraska Chautauqua coordinator
- Coordination (in consultation with HN) of a possible Chautauquan visit in the spring prior to the event in your community
- Site and volunteer coordination for traveling exhibit

*\*More comprehensive information detailing expectations is available in the Community Guide available from HN.*

*\*Please contact Kristi Hayek Carley, Chautauqua Coordinator, Humanities Nebraska for more information and/or suggestions or if there are any questions or concerns.*

**Application**

Host Community Seward, Nebraska  
Sponsoring Organization Seward Arts Council

**Project Coordinator**

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**Secondary Contact**

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Proposed Site for Chautauqua Tent @ Nebraska National Guard Museum Park

*Preferred Dates (final dates would be arranged between communities & HN; must be consecutive with other site):*

2016 – June 8-12 June 15-22 June 22-26 June 29-July 3

Please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup> Choice June 15-22, 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice June 8-12, 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice June 22-26 and any unavailable dates \_\_\_\_\_

*\*4<sup>th</sup> option for the year (non-bolded) will only be utilized if consecutive weeks cannot be achieved. HN will make decisions on 2016 communities in October 2015. Applications from communities not selected for 2016 will be considered for possible slots in 2017 & 2018.*

**1. What is your vision for the Chautauqua in your community?**

The year 2017 is very special in Seward, as we will not only celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Nebraska, but it will also mark the Sesquicentennial for Seward and Seward County. Because of these special celebrations, we felt that this very historic happening would be a perfect addition to our yearlong celebration in Seward-with our vision being historic, educational and celebratory. Along with this historic vision for our celebration, educationally, the opening of the new Nebraska National Guard State Museum would offer a wonderful compliment to the entire Chautauqua presentation-since the theme centers around World War I-as the proposed tent site would be located right next to the museum. Also, the Chautauqua itself is very educational and the experiences surrounding it add to that experience. Both the museum and the proposed Chautauqua tent would be located on the original grounds that hosted so very many Chautauqua's in Seward in the past and almost become a double attraction!

**2. Who will be involved?** This would be our third Great Plains Chautauqua and, believe it or not, many of those original committee members have already stepped up to help. The Seward Arts Council, one of the oldest community Arts Councils, will again take the lead on the programing and committee work. We also have the various civic clubs- the GFWC Seward Woman's Club, GFWC Seward Junior Woman's Club, the Seward Rotary, Seward Kiwanis, Seward Helping Hands Kiwanis and Seward Optimist Clubs in support of the project and willing to help again, as they did in the past. Also, the Seward Chamber and City of Seward have endorsed the project, offering to assist as needed-as has the local Seward County Visitor's Committee-the area lodging tax group. We will involve local musical, entertainment in pre-shows and plan to again involve area teachers in children's activities and programs as well.

**3. What other events will complement the Chautauqua?** Last time we hosted various events to compliment the programs featured in the Chautauqua. The GFWC Seward Woman's Club held a Victorian Tea, there were various Children's events and speakers. Since we are going to located next to the museum, we felt that was the natural site for many of the activities, workshops and exhibits, however the Seward Civic Center is also, only two blocks away, and a great location for many of the co-sponsored events. We also again plan some type of food offering each night by one of the service organizations, offering a meal or featured food to the public, prior to the Chautauqua. Once we are confirmed and know we will really be hosting the event, our complimentary plans will become more definite. Also, the current leadership of many groups, do not want to commit for next year's leadership this early out- but all want to be "on board," just not committing to specifics yet!

**4. How will you promote it?** Our proximity to Lincoln also offers the various TV and radio opportunities and of course the major papers would also be promoting it as well. We would

print a poster and distribute it throughout the area. We have found that a very effective media is Social Media and we would really push the various events with that as well.

5. **How will you involve schools, groups and civic organizations?** We would promote the workshops and activities for the children in the schools-sharing dates and specifics before school is out. Also, distributing the flyers with the schedules of the Children's events to the schools before they are dismissed in the summer-and try and work around other area children's activities, such as Vacation Bible Schools. Last time, many of the Chautauqua speakers also served as the weekly program for the various groups the week of the Chautauqua and these presenters attended many meetings, such as Rotary or Kiwanis, promoting the event- and the local Women's Club held a Victorian Tea that was very popular and successful. As stated before, various civic groups would be a host for the evening and offer activities and food as a pre-show happening as well.
  
6. **What programs will be offered leading up to Chautauqua week?** We have a series of programs offered through our City Library and many could be geared to tie in with the Chautauqua, as well as the book clubs, study clubs, magazine clubs themes might all relate to the theme of the Chautauqua. We felt a panel of senior citizens that would maybe reminisce about former Chautauqua's would be fun and of course, the local paper would print a special Chautauqua edition/insert promoting the event and offering many related stories. Much will be determined once the event is confirmed.

The general plan will be coordinated by the Seward Arts Council, under the leadership of Clark Kolterman-project chair. Phil Bangert-Vice President of the Jones National Bank in Seward has again agreed to be the fiscal agent. Kolterman, a local high school teacher, is Chair of the Seward Arts Council and Bangert is the Treasurer. Both were very involved in the last two Chautauqua's as well. Other lead members of the committee are Becky Baker for the City of Seward Memorial Library-Head Librarian, Gerry Meyer -Director of the Nebraska National Guard Museum and Jeanne Wiemer-Owner of the Red Path Art Gallery and Tasting Room and Vice President of the Seward Arts Council. Alan Baldwin, Chief of Police has also agreed to serve on the committee. The Seward Arts Council will be the lead organization but we have a host of local groups willing to help as well. Housing, transportation, electrical and sound can be arranged, once we know specifics. The last two Chautauqua's were coordinated by the Seward Arts Council and the major sponsor was the Seward Foundation. They have not meet to approve the formal request, however, the proposal is on their agenda. If they do not agree to again sponsor the event, the Seward Arts Council will underwrite the activity. The local committee is working very closely with the Seward County Visitor's Committee, many of the members serve on both boards, and they, of course, see and realize the value of the project too!

**2. Why should HN select your community as the Chautauqua site?** First of all, it is a perfect setting with the opening of the new Nebraska National Guard Museum -especially with this year's theme- "Legacies of a Forgotten War!" We are in a tri sesquicentennial event-celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday of

Nebraska, Seward and Seward County and our community is in a festive spirit-looking for a great historic and educational attraction to add to the festivities. Our location and proximity to Lincoln and Omaha – with easy access to the I-80 connection, make it easy for all of Nebraska to enjoy the event. We have a real Chautauqua heritage-we have already hosted two in recent years –so people know what they are and what they offer. Finally and the proposed site for this Chautauqua is on the very site of former Chautauqua’s held in Seward!

**a. What will be the benefits for your community and region?** It will be another reason to visit Seward and the new National Guard Museum, when visiting the Chautauqua events. It will also promote our heritage and educate the community on World War I and all that surrounded it. The Chautauqua will bring the community together-working for the greater cause and working together. It is also a summer activity for the children and families. It will showcase local talent and the various civic groups as well, not to mention showcasing the community. It is a perfect addition to our Sesquicentennial celebration and add so much to that program too.

**b. Why would your community be a successful site?** We have a good “track record” with HN and have held two very successful Great Plains Chautauqua’s in the past. We also have a great facility and a good location with lots of appeal-being located right next to the new Nebraska National Guard museum. Seward’s proximity to Lincoln and Omaha, are another attraction to consider when making the selection.

**c. How much support do you expect to get?** Being an optimist, we know we will get the support needed or required to present an outstanding event. We will, of course, cover the fee for the Great Plains Chautauqua and feel that any additional support will be covered, as the budget is prepared and the needs are set into place. We had a track record of fiscal responsibility with the last two shows in Seward and I do not expect anything different for this event as well this time!

**d. What would be unique about the “WWI” Chautauqua in your community?** The fact is that it is during the Sesquicentennial is a major factor-making it a special event-but the location and tie in with the new Nebraska National Guard State Museum makes it a perfect “marriage!” The museum will have a strong thrust for WWI exhibits that tie into the theme as well and make the entire event a signature event, not only for Seward but for all of Nebraska! We plan to also promote this with the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission and their program too.

**Seward Arts Council  
Box 469  
Seward, Nebraska 68434  
Founded in 1969/Incorporated in 1974  
"One of the first Community Arts Councils in Nebraska!"**

March 28, 2017

Humanities Nebraska  
Chautauqua Selection Committee  
215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 330  
Lincoln, NE 68505

RE: Letter to request Seward as the site for the 2017 Great Plains Chautauqua-Confirmation Letter

Dear Selection Committee,

The Community of Seward, Nebraska is excited to request consideration to be selected to host the 2017 Great Plains Chautauqua. The Seward Arts Council, one of the oldest and first established Arts Councils in Nebraska is excited to again serve as the coordinating sponsoring organization for this outstanding, historical event.

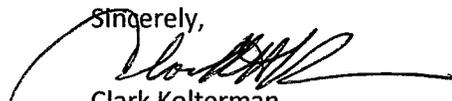
Along with Nebraska, Seward and Seward County are also celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday and this event would be one of the jewels in the celebration year for our area. We have already formulated many ideas and tentative plans for the event and plan to host it next to the new Nebraska National Guard museum, located in Seward and officially opening on July 4, 2016!

The Seward Arts Council is ready to meet the financial and community volunteer support requirements for the Chautauqua- and we understand the work involved, having hosted two Great Plains Chautauqua's in the past. We have a keen understanding and knowledge of what is required and what is

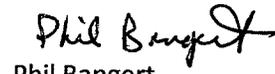
expected! Historically, Seward has hosted many Chautauqua's and interestingly, the proposed site and the site of the new National Guard museum is the site of the original traveling Chautauqua's in Seward.

Please consider Seward to host the 2017 Chautauqua in Seward. We will well represent the Great Plains Chautauqua and know that you will be very happy with the program created by our committee! We look forward to a positive response, so we can begin planning this major celebration and addition to the Sesquicentennial programming.

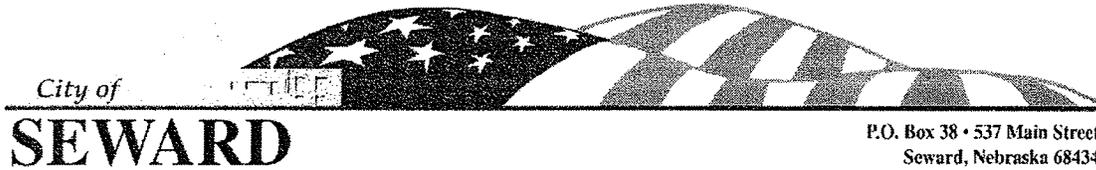
Sincerely,



Clark Kolterman  
Seward Arts Council President



Phil Bangert  
Seward Arts Council Treasurer



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## Office of the Mayor

March 30, 2016

Chautauqua Selection Committee  
Great Plains Chautauqua, Inc.  
215 Centennial Mall S. Ste. 500  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Committee Members,

The Seward community is a proud community. We are proud of our history, traditions and patriotism, which is evident by our nearly continuous Fourth of July celebration that began in 1868. These festivals draw tens of thousands of visitors to Seward every Fourth of July and contributed to Seward being recognized as Nebraska's official 4<sup>th</sup> of July City.

Next year, we will celebrate our sesquicentennial, which will feature the grand opening of the Nebraska National Guard museum in the former Seward Armory. Behind the museum is a green space that would be an ideal location for hosting this Great Plains Chautauqua event.

President Theodore Roosevelt once referred to Chautauqua as "the most American thing in America." I can't think of a more fitting place to host such an American event than in Nebraska's official Fourth of July City.

I believe that Seward would be a wonderful location for the 2017 Great Plains Chautauqua event that would draw attendees from all over the region and would be one more reason for our community to be proud.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Eickmeier".

Joshua Eickmeier  
Mayor of Seward

March 30, 2016

Chautauqua Selection Committee  
Great Plains Chautauqua  
Lincoln, NE

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today in support of Seward, Nebraska being designated as a host community for the 2017 Chautauqua Celebration.

As you may be aware, both the City of Seward and Seward County will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their founding during the special year of 2017, which is also the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the State of Nebraska's founding. The Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership is poised to be a part of all three celebrations, and the hosting of the Chautauqua in our county would be a wonderful highlight of our rich heritage.

Additionally, Seward County is the home of the Nebraska National Guard Museum, and with the focus of the 2017 Chautauqua being the history of World War I, we feel this could be a very unique and special partnership – linking the events of the Chautauqua to special exhibits and programs at the Museum throughout the entire year. Additionally, with Concordia University – Nebraska being located in Seward County and in partnership with the schools in the area and the local library, we believe there would also be many opportunities for collaboration and cooperation with a focus going back to World War I and the rich history of that time.

Seward County has a tremendous group of active volunteers who participate and belong to a variety of civic groups and organizations. We expect wide participation from these many groups and their members.

The Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership stands ready to fully engage and assist in hosting this event and welcomes the opportunity to host such a rich cultural experience in our county. If I can provide you additional information or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for considering Seward County for the 2017 Chautauqua!

Sincerely,



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Jonathan M. Jank, MBA | President & CEO  
Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership

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# Nebraska State Legislature

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March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Chautauqua Selection Committee,  
Great Plains Chautauqua,  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Chautauqua Selection Committee,

As the state senator for Seward and life-long Nebraskan, I am writing to request that the Great Plains Chautauqua take place in Seward, Nebraska in 2017. Holding this event in Seward during our Sesquicentennial celebrations would not only attract more attendees, but would be a splendid way to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

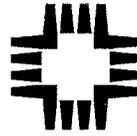
I had the honor to attend the Great Plains Chautauqua events that took place in Seward in 1996 and 2000. Both were greatly successful and highly attended, providing a great benefit economically and culturally to our community and to the state of Nebraska.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Kolterman".

Senator Mark Kolterman  
District 24



CONCORDIA  
UNIVERSITY  
NEBRASKA

800 North Columbia Avenue  
Seward, Nebraska 68434

*Office of the President*

March 23, 2016

Chautauqua Selection Committee  
Great Plains Chautauqua  
Lincoln, NE

Dear Selection Committee,

***Greetings from Concordia University, Nebraska where we learn, serve and lead in the Good News that Jesus came that we “may have life and have it abundantly” John 10:10b (ESV).***

Thank you for considering this letter of support for the Great Plains Chautauqua to come to Seward in June 2017. This Chautauqua would be our third recent Great Plains Chautauqua in Seward. Concordia University was pleased to host the previous events in 1996 and 2000 on our campus. I understand that they were two of the most successful events for the Great Plains Chautauqua.

While the June 2017 Chautauqua would be held behind the new National Guard Museum because of its WWI theme, the University is equally excited to support the event. Years ago, the then mayor of Seward said, “What is good for Seward is good for Concordia, and what is good for Concordia is good for Seward.” As a resident of Seward and a member of the Concordia Community for the past twenty-five years, I could not agree more. Having the Great Plains Chautauqua in Seward will benefit and bless the entire Seward community.

Many thanks for your kind consideration of holding the Chautauqua in Seward. We look forward to serving as your hosts in June 2017.

Sincerely,



Brian L. Friedrich  
President

# **GFWC SEWARD WOMAN'S CLUB**

**March 28, 2016**

**Chautauqua Selection Committee  
Great Plains Chautauqua  
Lincoln, NE**

**Dear Committee:**

**I am writing this on behalf of the GFWC Seward Woman's Club who encourages you to again consider bringing the 2017 Chautauqua the community of Seward, Nebraska. I remember what a great time we had in setting up the huge tent and all the outstanding amateur talent presented to the audience just before the Chautauqua presenters.**

**Our club entertained the community with a Victorian Tea and had a wonderful time. We also served as hostesses for the presenters which was quite a thrill for our group So we hopefully encourage you to again bring the 2017 Chautauqua to SEWARD.**

**Sincerely,**



**Betty Jean Kolterman, Project Chairman  
GFWC Seward Woman's Club  
1059 Plainview Ave.  
Seward, NE 68434**

March 22, 2016

Letter of Support for Chautauqua 2017 in Seward, Nebraska

I'm writing to show my support for Chautauqua 2017 in Seward, Nebraska. The new Nebraska National Guard Museum is located on the site of the old Chautauqua Park in Seward. The Red Path Chautauqua was a prominent show in Seward for several decades and we are looking to put a Nebraska State Historical Marker on the western part of the property to place historical significance to the location.

I understand that the theme is "World War I – Legacies of a Forgotten War" which fits the focus of the Nebraska National Guard Museum for 2017. We will be hosting World War I events throughout the year and the Chautauqua would be fully supported with activities related to 1917-1918. The Nebraska National Guard was deployed to service in the war in 1917 and we have an extensive collection of artifacts from the time period. I feel that the Chautauqua in Seward is a perfect choice with the Nebraska National Guard Museum being located here.

The one thing I really appreciate about having the Nebraska National Guard Museum here in Seward is the tremendous volunteer base and support we get. Seward is high energy and they want this chance to show the state what a great place this is.

Please consider the Chautauqua 2017 venue in Seward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



Gerald D. "Jerry" Meyer  
Historian  
Nebraska National Guard Museum  
Seward  
402-309-8763 (office)

# Seward Memorial Library

233 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Seward, NE 68434-2519

(402)643-3318

info@sewardlibrary.org

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March 29, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

It is exciting to learn and be part of the plans to celebrate Seward's sesquicentennial in 2017 and even more exciting to hear that the 2017 Chautauqua may be part of this!

The previous times this event has been in Seward were wonderful successes and I have no doubt that a third appearance will bring even bigger crowds to learn more about our country's history while paying tribute to those involved in World War I.

The library endorses the return of the Chautauqua to Seward in 2017 and we will do all we can to support the event itself as well as other programs leading up to it. Education of the public is a huge part of our mission and the Chautauqua makes this happen in a very engaging manner.

Please give Seward your every consideration.

Thank you for your time.



Becky Baker  
Library Director

# Red Path Gallery

& Tasting Room



514 Seward Street :: P.O. Box 271 :: Seward, NE :: 68434

March 22, 2016

Chautauqua Selection Committee  
Great Plains Chautauqua  
Lincoln, NE

RE: Letter of Support for the Great Plains Chautauqua

Dear Chautauqua Selection Committee:

I'm writing this letter of support to ask that the Chautauqua Selection Committee consider funding the Great Plains Chautauqua and bringing it to Seward for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year-during our Sesquicentennial. The project will be a great opportunity for our community to share the experience of a Chautauqua and be the perfect event to engage all ages during this important time in our beautiful historic town.

As the President of the Seward Chamber and Director/Owner of Red Path Gallery, I see many benefits to facilitating the Chautauqua event in Seward. First, this is a unique community opportunity that will connect our citizens around the history and nostalgia in this area. Second, the project will promote community members and tourists as they travel to Seward's historic town. Third, Seward has a history of promoting a variety of artistic expressions and education. This Chautauqua event will be a distinctive way to uphold this tradition of artistic promotion for the whole family.

I have full confidence in the viability of bringing the Great Plains Chautauqua to Seward for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. I highly recommend and request your financial support of it. I appreciate your consideration and encourage you to call or e-mail me to discuss my support of this project in further detail.

In Kind Regards,

Jeanne K Hain Wiemer  
402-540-6929  
Red Path Gallery Owner/Director  
514 Seward Street  
PO Box 271  
Seward, NE 68434



# SEWARD

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Seward, Nebraska 68434  
Phone 402-643-2928  
Fax 402-643-2087

PUBLIC REQUEST FOR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

DATE: April 14  
NAME: Clark Kotterman  
ADDRESS: 660 E Pinewood Seward  
EMAIL ADDRESS: clark.kotterman TELEPHONE NO. 402 643 6137

EXPLANATION OF REQUEST:

Update on Seward's Sesquicentennial Celebration  
Endorse request for "seed" money to fund Seward's 5150

ACTION REQUESTED:

Support request for \$1000 start up funds to assist w/ 5150 Planning

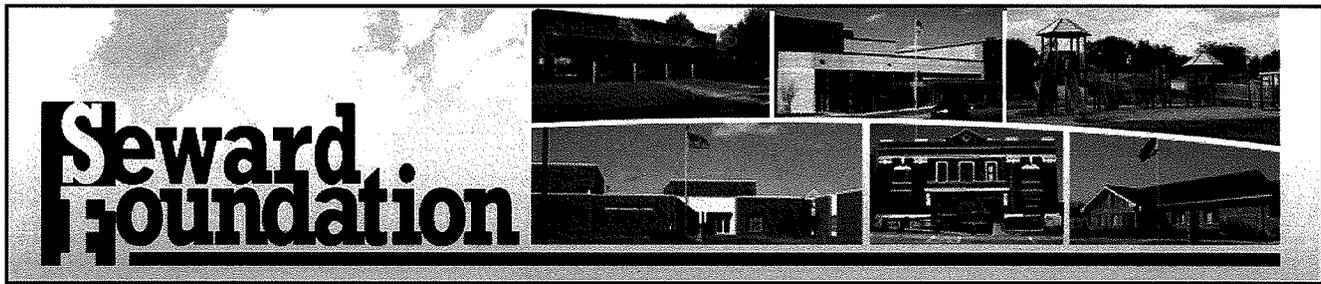
Will this agenda item require the expenditure of funds? Yes  No  Unknown

[Signature]  
(Signature of requester)

Clark Kotterman  
(Print Name)

Council meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of every month. All requests for the Agenda must be submitted by noon on the Wednesday preceding the Council meeting, any item received after this time would have to be of an emergency nature. Once a request is received, Administration will review it and determine whether or not it requires Mayor/Council action, or whether it is an item that needs to be handled by staff.

Received by: Donna Olte Date: 4-14-16  
(City employee)



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## Grant Application

**Print an application form or fill out the online form below.**

Your Name (required)

Your Email (required)

Your Phone

Your Address

Name of Project

*Information/response  
separate sheets*

This project is being submitted to the following for further consideration:

- City Council
- School Board

It is understood that upon approval by the aforementioned entity this grant request form will in turn be submitted to the Seward Foundation, Inc. for final determination.

### Description of Project

Please provide a brief description of the project under consideration and the proposed use of Seward Foundation, Inc. grant monies.

### Additional Information

Please provide additional information regarding the project including the need that the project fulfills within the community and the target market for the project. How will this project be promoted to the community at large?

### Financial Information

Please provide financial information for the proposed project detailing out the overall estimated cost of the project and the sources and uses of funds including this grant application. Note: The Seward Foundation,

Inc. prefers and encourages investment and support from other outside entities to fund projects.

Total Project Cost

Operating Budget

Please provide an on-going budget for this program/project.

Who will continue to fund and maintain this program/project on an on-going basis?

Describe how the budget figures were arrived at?

Will this grant be sufficient to start/continue this program/project?

Are you submitting this request elsewhere for funding considerations? If so, to whom and for how much?

Has this request been made elsewhere and turn down? If so, why?

After grant monies from the Seward Foundation, Inc. has been expended what plans are being made to ensure the ongoing operation of the project/program?

Other Information

Is this project application related to a new or on-going program?

Who was involved in the development and planning of this program/project?

Will this program/project be evaluated regularly and if so by whom?

Is the project/program ready to begin immediately? If not, what is the target date for completion and/or readiness?

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From: Clark Kolterman <[clark.kolterman@sewardschools.org](mailto:clark.kolterman@sewardschools.org)>

Subject: Grant Request Form

Phone: 4026436138

Address: 660 East Pinewood Avenue

Project Name: Sesquicentennial Seed Money

Will be submitted to: City Council

Description of Project: Our new group, the City of Seward Sesquicentennial Committee is requesting "seed" monies to organize and begin the promotional efforts for our local 150th Anniversary in 2017. We request \$1000.

Additional Information: In 1867, on April 1st, Seward officially had a US Post office and many felt that it was indeed when the community became a real town! Since it was the same year that Nebraska became a State, when searching and deciding to celebrate the City of Seward Centennial, the community decided to go with 1867 as Seward's founding date and celebrate all of the centennials at one time-Seward's, Seward County's and Nebraska's 100th anniversaries in 1967.

Since then, we celebrated the Quasquicentennials in 1992 (125 years) and now are on the eve of celebrating the City of Seward Sesquicentennial in 2017!

Seward has a rich history and heritage and we should reflect on that past, celebrating, educating and reflecting on the accomplishments of those previous founders of our community and at the same time look to the future as to "what lies ahead" for the next generation?

Our celebration will target all ages of the community and be promoted as such, incorporating existing events and adding a touch of the S150 flavor, along with creating some new ones as well.

Financial Information: While we are in our infant stages, we hope to have a working budget of about \$10,000-to serve as a clearing house for many of the events and yet possibly a sponsor of some events as well.

Total Project Cost: ? \$10,000 ? Guesstimate? To be determined.?

### **Operating Budget**

Who will continue to fund and maintain this program on an on-going basis?:

Our tentative budget is yet to be determined, based on our projected projects-yet to be determined. Many will be self supporting and sponsored by local civic groups.. We are requesting "seed" money to organize this all volunteer effort, to assist with postage/communication efforts, a basic website and various administrative costs. Many of the projects and activities will be funded by local sponsors and groups, however, our celebration committee will support it as well. We will be requesting funds and support from the local civic groups as well and some donations may also come from various businesses

and industries-yet to be determined. We hope to have an official seal and slogan and offer some limited memorabilia to tie in with the S150 celebration.

The Seward Fourth of July Celebration Committee, a 501 C 3 non-profit group, has agreed /allowed us to become an official arm/committee of their group-thus we can incorporate the use of their non profit status. One of our main events will be the great July 4 celebration of 2017!

Describe how the budget figures were arrived at? We will base our budget on event and experiences of the past in Seward.

Will this grant be sufficient to start/continue this program/project?  
Yes, we look to the Seward Foundation to be our initial corporate sponsor.

Are you submitting this request elsewhere for funding considerations? If so, to whom and for how much?  
Not at this time. We may also ask for a local Seward Walmart grant in the future.

Has this request been made elsewhere and turn down? If so, why?  
Not yet

After grant monies from the Seward Foundation, Inc. has been expended what plans are being made to ensure the ongoing operation of the project/program?  
This is a "one time" request-until the 175th anniversary in 2042!

#### **Other Information**

Is this project application related to a new or on-going program?  
It is related to many ongoing projects in Seward, such as the Seward Arbor Day, Seward July 4 and the Holiday Parade for example. All will have a pioneer/cowboy -S150 theme for example.

Who was involved in the development and planning of this program/project?  
The S150 Committee for Seward-newly organized and the Seward Arts Council and Seward Fourth of July Committee, along with the Seward Chamber of Commerce.

Will this program/project be evaluated regularly and if so by whom?  
It will be evaluated monthly by the new S150 committee, as they meet the second Tuesday of each month.

Is the project/program ready to begin immediately? If not, what is the target date for completion and/or readiness?  
Yes, we are organizing as we speak! Right now we hope to kick off the S150 year with either March 1 or April 1 of 2017 and end with the Holiday Parade the end of November!