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(S.D.)-Black Hills Rodeo Seeks Approval, Help To Upgrade Facility



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BELLE FOURCHE, S.D. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - One of the oldest annual outdoor rodeos in the country is seeking the help and approval of a western South Dakota city to upgrade the facility.

Representatives of the Black Hills Roundup Rodeo say the facility is in need of renovations after 95 years in operation. It draws thousands of people to Belle Fourche every 4th of July weekend.

Rodeo representatives say the outdated bucking chutes have to be replaced. They told city officials this week the project could cost up to \$45,000. The cost will be split between the high school rodeo committee and the Black Hills Roundup.

But they say they need the city to help dismantling the chutes.

The mayor says a city committee will work on assisting with the renovations.