

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 76

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-137  
MARCH 24, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	WILLIAM H. MOULDER CHIEF OF POLICE

**SYNOPSIS —**

The City of Des Moines applied for and received a grant award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program. As a recipient of an award, the City is required to establish an advisory board authorized to make non-binding recommendations to the local government and to hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed use of the grant award. These special conditions must be met before the City may obligate any of the grant funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

The total grant is in the amount of \$291,931, which includes the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant award of \$262,738 and the use of \$29,193 in forfeited funds for local match. The grant application purpose area for which the Police Department applied was "Law enforcement support for procuring equipment, technology, and other material directly related to basic law enforcement functions."

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Establish and appoint the membership of the Advisory Board; accept the suggested Advisory Board charge as written; and approve the proposed schedule of events.

**BACKGROUND —**

The Omnibus Fiscal Year 1996 Appropriations Act, Public Law 104-134, provides for the implementation of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program to be administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice.

This grant program provides local governments with funds to underwrite projects to reduce crime and improve public safety. The City of Des Moines was eligible for a grant award in the amount of \$291,931.

The City Council approved the grant application and authorized the Mayor to sign, on behalf of the City, any and all assurances and legal certifications pertaining to this grant at the July 1, 1996, Council meeting by Roll Call No. 96-2508.