

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 86B

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-183
APRIL 7, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
CONTINUATION OF CRIME-FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	WILLIAM H. MOULDER POLICE CHIEF

SYNOPSIS —

A grant application has been prepared for submission to the Governor's Alliance on Substance Abuse (GASA) to continue the Police Department's Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program for the period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998. This project aims to reduce narcotics-related offenses and other violent crime in multi-unit residential housing through the education of tenants and landlords, improving security and environmental design of housing units, and organizing neighborhood watch programs within community apartment complexes.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The total estimated budget for this project is \$64,343. A federal grant of \$48,257 is being requested, and the required City match of 25 percent is \$16,086. Funding for the City match has been identified in the Police Department's FY1997-98 budget.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

In 1995, the Des Moines Police Department was invited by GASA to submit a grant application for a pilot project dealing with crime and drug issues in multi-unit residential housing. The Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program was first put to use in Mesa, Arizona. The City of Des Moines Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program was approved, and operational plans were put into motion in November 1995. The initial grant expired on June 30, 1996. The City submitted a request and received an award for one year of continued grant funding which expires June 30, 1997. This continuation grant, if approved, will allow us to continue this effort through June 30, 1998.

The application to GASA, for continued funding of the program and acceptance of a one-year grant continuation award, was approved on April 1, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-1256.