

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 58

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-204
APRIL 21, 1997 AGENDA

| SUBJECT: | TYPE: | SUBMITTED BY: |
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| GRANT APPLICATION— EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR WEED AND SEED (EOWS) FUNDS | ◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE | JAMES GRANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR |

SYNOPSIS —

Submission of a grant application for \$175,000 in Executive Office for Weed and Seed (EOWS) funds.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Application for \$175,000 in EOWS funds for Weed and Seed activities.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approve the grant application and authorize its submission.

BACKGROUND —

In September 1996, the City of Des Moines submitted an application to be designated a Weed and Seed Site, and in February 1996, the City was notified that a portion of the City of Des Moines had been designated a Weed and Seed Site.

In March 1997, the City was notified of its eligibility to apply for \$175,000 in funding from the Executive Office for Weed and Seed (EOWS). Since that notification, the Enterprise Community Steering Committee and the Enterprise Community and Neighborhood Environment have been working to develop an application for those funds.

On April 3, 1997, the Enterprise Community Steering Committee recommended the application to City Council for approval. Included in the EOWS application are two categories of requests:

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| Category One • Special Emphasis Funding | \$50,000 |
| This category will focus on a Jobs for At-Risk Youth initiative to place a minimum of 25 high-risk youth in productive employment. | \$25,000 |
| Prevention through the Arts initiative to provide photography classes at King School and Dance and Theater projects at Moulton School. | 25,000 |

Category Two • EOWS Funds

\$125,000

Major EOWS activities include:

Part-time and off-duty police officers for the Grubb YMCA Safe Haven to assure safety of the site and interact with youth participating in activities at the Safe Haven.

\$ 50,000

Administrative costs for the City

15,000

Tenant and Landlord Education to provide assistance and education to low- and moderate-income tenants in the area and to resolve disputes between landlords and tenants.

10,000

Park Cleanup and Graffiti Removal

\$ 9,500

A Recognition and awards banquet for residents who have been involved in the Enterprise Community and Weed and Seed efforts. The US Attorney's Office will coordinate this function.

4,000

The City will be applying for an additional \$100,000 in Asset Forfeiture Funds. This application will come before the City Council on April 28, 1997. The Asset Forfeiture Application requires that a joint law enforcement operation between the Des Moines Police Department and a federal law enforcement agency be developed for the Weed and Seed Area. This joint operation is still being developed but is a part of this application for funds.

Upon review, City staff agrees with the recommendation and supports the grant application.