

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 77

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-448
SEPTEMBER 8, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
GREATER DES MOINES SOFTBALL PARK PRAIRIE MEADOWS GRANT APPLICATION	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	DONALD TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

Construction of the Greater Des Moines Softball Park is anticipated to begin in the spring of 1998. In order to assist financially with this project, the Park and Recreation Department is submitting a multiple year grant request in the amount of \$300,000 to the Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino Grant Committee. The grant request will be used to assist in the construction of the concession/restroom facility.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The estimated cost of construction for grading and development of the first four fields and buildings is \$3.1 million. Of the total project cost, the Park and Recreation Department is requesting a four-year \$75,000 annual contribution from the Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino through their grant application request form.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The Greater Des Moines Softball Park is scheduled to begin grading this fall with construction beginning in the spring of 1998. Due to the number of outdated remote softball fields, this tournament facility will assist in improving league play for the residents of Des Moines, along with the City's ability to bid for regional and national tournaments.

The multiple year grant from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino will greatly assist with the private contributions and City's funding to build a first class tournament softball complex to improve league and tournament play.