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SUBJECT—

FY 2005 Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program.

SYNOPSIS—

Federal Grant funds in the amount of \$35,751.00 are available to the City of Des Moines for certain juvenile justice programs. The funds appropriated to Des Moines can be redirected to another eligible agency. It is recommended that the Des Moines allocation of \$35,751.00 be redirected to the Polk County Decategorization Project. The funds will be used to support the Kids Information Data Sharing System (KIDSS).

Polk County participated in a comprehensive study from 1998-1999 to identify gaps in services to youth and their families. One of the gaps identified was in an integrated management information system (MIS) for the sharing of data across systems. The purpose of the KIDSS project is to enhance the MIS communication abilities of those agencies that serve youth and their families in the Polk County area.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Grant Award in the amount of \$35,751.00 to be redirected to Polk County Decategorization.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

Federal legislation has established a Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program. In Iowa the program is administered by the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning and Statistical Analysis Center. A portion of these funds is available to certain units of local government. The funds are for programs to reduce juvenile delinquency, improve the juvenile justice system and increase accountability for juvenile offenders. The City of Des Moines has waived its portion of the block grant funding every year since 1999.