


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	<b>33</b>	Roll Call:	<b>20-1669</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Dana Wingert, Chief of Police</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Request acceptance of the 2020 Homeland Security grant awards for Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/SWAT Taskforce and the Explosive Ordnance Detection Taskforce.

### SYNOPSIS:

The City of Des Moines Police Department has received Notification of Award, from the State of Iowa, for the 2020 Homeland Security grants to support the WMD/SWAT Taskforce in the amount of \$153,139 and for the Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) Taskforce in the amount of \$1,087,172. These funds are to be utilized to purchase specialized equipment for the certified statewide teams. The grant does not require matching funds.

The City of Des Moines serves as the grant coordinator and financial manager at the request of the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department as well as the statewide teams. The grant awards stipulate that each statewide team benefit from the grant funding dependent on their equipment needs.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Total \$1,240,311 WMD/SWAT \$153,139; EOD \$1,087,172

Funding Source: Police Special Revenue section page 211 in the Adopted Operating Budget, Department Detail, For the fiscal year (FY) 2020.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City of Des Moines has received Homeland Security grants in support of the WMD/SWAT and the EOD bomb teams in previous years including 2018. The purchases made with this funding must support specific core capabilities related to terrorism preparedness. Each team must receive and maintain certification from the Department of Homeland Security. There are presently five (5) certified WMD/SWAT teams and eight (8) certified bomb teams.
- These teams meet once a month to discuss processes, equipment needs, and training requirements. The equipment is reviewed for functionality, dependability and sustainability. Training is required to ensure all members are current and up to date with all Homeland Security mandates for the teams to remain certified. Any equipment or training needs are listed in order of priority by the statewide team members to ensure immediate needs are included in

the application for funding. The list of needed equipment and training is then reviewed by the State of Iowa Homeland Security Coordinator to ensure the listed needs agree with a very specific list of approved equipment and training provided by the Federal Homeland Security Bureau. Once the list receives approval, the items are presented to a governance committee for further review and approval. These processes are completed prior to applying for grant funding.

- These grants provide critical equipment and training for the statewide teams to remain prepared to support federal initiatives and maintain statewide response to terrorism, explosive devices and general public safety. The purchased equipment and training will allow these teams to maintain their efficient effectiveness while remaining compliant with national requirements for federal certification.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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