


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-435	Meeting:	October 18, 2021
	Agenda Item:	33	Roll Call:	21-1570
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Request acceptance of the 2021 Homeland Security grant awards for Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/SWAT taskforce and the Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) taskforce.

SYNOPSIS:

The City of Des Moines Police Department has received Notification of Award, from the State of Iowa, for the 2021 Homeland Security grants to support the WMD/SWAT taskforce in the amount of \$321,581 and for the EOD taskforce in the amount of \$385,670. 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 of \$707,251 (WMD/SWAT \$321,581; EOD \$385,670).

Funding Source: Police Special Revenue Section, Page 199, in the Adopted Operating Budget, Department Detail, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City has received Homeland Security grants in support of the WMD/SWAT and the EOD Bomb teams in previous years including 2020. 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.
- The statewide teams meet monthly 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 team members to ensure immediate needs are included in the application

for funding. The prioritized list of needed equipment and training is then reviewed by the State of Iowa Homeland Security Coordinator to ensure the items 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):

Date: October 19, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-1669](#)

Action: [Acceptance](#) of 2020 Homeland Security Grant Awards on behalf of the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/SWAT and the Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) Task Force. [\(Council Communication No. 20-469\)](#) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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