


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	22-477	Meeting:	October 24, 2022
	Agenda Item:	38	Roll Call:	22-1650
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Request acceptance of the 2022 Homeland Security grant award on behalf of the Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) Task Force.

SYNOPSIS:

The City of Des Moines Police Department has received Notification of Award, from the State of Iowa, for the 2022 Homeland Security grant to support the EOD Task Force in the amount of \$374,318. 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 award document stipulates that each statewide team must benefit from the grant funding dependent on their equipment needs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$374,318 (revenue)

Funding Source: Police Special Revenues Section, Page 200 of the Adopted Operating Budget Department Detail of Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City of Des Moines has received Homeland Security grants in support of the EOD bomb teams in previous years, including 2021. 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 seven (7) certified bomb teams in Iowa.
- 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 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 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.

- This grant provides 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 18, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1570](#)

Action: [Acceptance](#) of Homeland Security Weapons of Mass Destruction and Explosive Ordnance Detection 2021 Grant Awards. ([Council Communication No. 21-435](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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