

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-263
JUNE 24, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
GREATER DES MOINES SOCCER PARK— POLK COUNTY GRANT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	DONALD TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SYNOPSIS —

The Park and Recreation Department has received a grant from Polk County in the amount of \$500,000, which will be used toward the construction of the Greater Des Moines Soccer Park located at SE 22nd Street and Hartford Avenue. The grant is part of a fund-raising package put together with public tax dollars, user fees and private charitable gifts.

There is no requirement for repayment of the grant.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Direct grant of \$500,000. This grant will have no impact on the General Fund. If the grant is not accepted, project costs will have to be paid from City General Obligation Bonds or unidentified gifts.

RECOMMENDATION —

Accept the \$500,000 grant from Polk County.

BACKGROUND —

The Greater Des Moines Soccer Park is one of two site development projects that will fulfill a 1990 parks referendum promise to build a soccer/softball park. In 1992 the City and local soccer leadership met and determined that a project of 15 fields is needed.

In addition to the Cases Lake site, three additional fields and a privately funded soccer stadium will be developed on the Soldiers Field site.

Construction work has already begun and it is planned that the complex will be completed in late 1997. It is also anticipated an indoor soccer stadium will be located on the Soldiers Field site which will be a private, for-profit operation. The Cases Lake project has also received \$1,000,000 in private gifts raised by Jim Cownie.