

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

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-291  
JULY 15, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	WILLIAM H. MOULDER CHIEF OF POLICE

**SYNOPSIS —**

A grant application has been prepared to fund the purchase of various equipment that is directly related to basic law enforcement functions.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

This application requests federal funding of \$262,738. The required local match of \$29,193 will be paid using forfeited funds and would be a one-time expense.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Approval.

**BACKGROUND —**

The Omnibus Fiscal Year 1996 Appropriations Act, Public Law 104-134, provides for the implementation of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program to be administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice.

This grant program provides units of local government with funds to underwrite projects to reduce crime and improve public safety. The City of Des Moines is eligible for a total grant amount of \$291,931.

The Des Moines Police Department anticipates using these funds to purchase an automated fingerprint identification system, portable radios, computer equipment, and other items related to law enforcement.