

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

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-333
AUGUST 5, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$125,000 IN EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR WEED AND SEED (EOWS) FUNDS	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JIM GRANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

1. On the August 5, 1996 agenda there is a Roll Call approving and authorizing the submission of a grant application for \$125,000 in Executive Office for Weed and Seed (EOWS) funds.
2. On the August 5, 1996 agenda there is a Roll Call approving a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the YMCA of Greater Des Moines. This Memorandum of Agreement allows the John R. Grubb Family YMCA to be designated a "Safe Haven" as part of the Enterprise Community/Weed and Seed Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT —

1. Application for \$125,000 in EOWS funds for Weed and Seed activities.
2. No fiscal impact with this Memorandum of Agreement. Future Weed and Seed Grant Funds may be contracted with the Grubb Family YMCA for Weed and Seed activities.

RECOMMENDATION —

1. To approve the grant application and authorize its submission.
2. To approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the YMCA of Greater Des Moines.

BACKGROUND —

In September 1995, the City of Des Moines submitted an application to be designated a Weed and Seed Site, and in February 1996, the City was notified that a portion of the City of Des Moines had been designated a Weed and Seed Site.

In June 1996, the City was notified of its eligibility to apply for \$125,000 in funding from the Executive Office for Weed and Seed (EOWS). Since that notification the Enterprise Community Steering Committee and the Enterprise Community and Neighborhood Environment have been working to develop an application for those funds.

On August 1, 1996, the Enterprise Community Steering Committee recommended the application to City Council for approval. Included in the EOWS application are three categories of requests:

Category One • Safe Haven Enhancement • \$40,000

This category provides 555 scholarships, an Activity Specialist, and programming for Safe Haven activities at the John R. Grubb Family YMCA.

Category Two • Seed Activities • \$53,500

Seed Activities include a Safe Haven Coordinator and Marketing, Programming, and Graffiti Removal.

Category Three • Weed Activities • \$31,500

Weed Activities include the development of a Witness Camera program and laptop computers for patrol officers' cars.

A component of the Weed and Seed program, and subsequent grant applications, requires that the City of Des Moines have a designated Safe Haven in the Weed and Seed Site. The Enterprise Community Steering Committee approved a recommendation at their July 1, 1996 meeting to designate the John R. Grubb Family YMCA as the Des Moines Safe Haven.

Weed and Seed Grant Funding requires that the City enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Grubb Family YMCA, and the U.S. Attorney's Office. The MOA has been prepared and approved by the YMCA of Greater Des Moines and the U.S. Attorney's Office. This has been prepared and is on file with the City Clerk's Office.