

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWACITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-430  
OCTOBER 7, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
BOTANICAL CENTER — CULTURAL ENRICHMENT GRANT APPLICATION	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	DONALD TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

**SYNOPSIS —**

The Botanical Center is eligible to receive funding from the State of Iowa through the Cultural Enrichment Grant (CEG) Program. Permission is requested to submit an application prior to the October 15, 1996, application deadline.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

Funds received are used to cover portions of the Botanical Center's operation that are not normally covered in the City Budget. The grant amount will be at the discretion of the CEG Program.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Approval.

**BACKGROUND —**

Awarded by the Department of Cultural Affairs of the State of Iowa, the CEG provides operating support to major, multi-disciplinary cultural institutions located in Iowa. The CEG Program, now in its seventh year, is funded at \$173,280 for FY97, precisely the same appropriation as in FY96. The Botanical Center competitively received the second highest award (\$22,500) out of the 12 institutions funded in FY96. In the past, the Center has used CEG funds to cover the expenses of the two Chinese horticulturists that spent a year working at the Center. We anticipate bringing these experts back to Des Moines, if funded.