

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-464
OCTOBER 28, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
GREATER DES MOINES SOCCER GRANT APPLICATION	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	DONALD M. TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

Approval to submit grant applications in amounts of \$20,600 and \$400,000 to the United States Soccer Federation Foundation, Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT —

\$0 —no required match.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approve.

BACKGROUND —

In 1990, Des Moines' voters approved a referendum to build softball and soccer fields. Since that time, public support and a private fund drive have netted over \$2,000,000 in cash contributions to the soccer facilities.

The Greater Des Moines Soccer Park is being built at the intersection of Southeast 22nd Street and Hartford Avenue in Des Moines on City-owned lands known as Cases Lake and Soldiers Field. The project includes 12 championship-level, full-size fields; a customer service center; maintenance building; parking lots; roads; and landscaping. Cases Lake is being built with public funds and private gifts. James Cownie has headed a fund drive which has raised over \$2,000,000 in private support to date. Soldiers Field will include a soccer stadium, and a soccer building is proposed to be built by a private developer under a lease arrangement with the City of Des Moines.

Cases Lake is approximately 80 percent built through previous contracts issued by the City Council (Resolution No. 94-436 of November 7, 1994 and Resolution No. 96-147 of April 5, 1996). The facility is scheduled for opening in the spring of 1998. This grant application is one effort to complete approximately \$500,000 in additional funds needed for the project, which will cost approximately \$3,000,000. The Greater Des Moines Youth Soccer Association is committed to raise the funds. If this grant is awarded, any additional funds will be used to make improvements and purchase equipment which will reduce operating costs and add amenities.