

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-542
DECEMBER 16, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
GREATER DES MOINES SOCCER AND SOFTBALL PARKS BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD FOUNDATION GRANT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	DONALD M. TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

The Park and Recreation Department has received a grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation in the amount of \$50,000, which will be used toward the construction of the Greater Des Moines Soccer and Softball Parks. 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 \$50,000. 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 \$50,000 grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation and direct the Mayor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City.

BACKGROUND —

The Greater Des Moines Soccer and Softball Parks are two site development projects that will fulfill a 1990 Parks Referendum promise to build a soccer/softball park. It is anticipated the Soccer Park will be open in the Spring of 1998. Work has not yet begun on the Softball Park.