

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

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-166
APRIL 7, 1997 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
GRANT APPLICATION—CONTINUATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ANTI-GANG UNIT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	WILLIAM H. MOULDER CHIEF OF POLICE

SYNOPSIS —

A grant application has been prepared for submission to the Governor's Alliance on Substance Abuse (GASA) to continue the Anti-Gang Unit in the Police Department. This is a 75/25 match grant, where 75 percent of the requested grant would be paid by federal funds. The Anti-Gang Unit Project will run from July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The total estimated budget for this project is \$145,382. A federal grant of \$109,037 is being requested, and the required City match of 25 percent is \$36,345. Funding for the City match has been identified in the Police Department's FY1997-98 budget.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The Anti-Gang Unit is a squad of one sergeant and five officers. The Unit identifies gangs and gang members, especially those involved in criminal activities. The project tracks gangs and develops enforcement strategies aimed at reducing criminal activities and the violence associated with gangs. The project operates Citywide and focuses on any gang-involved criminal activity.

The officers assigned to the Anti-Gang Unit came from the Patrol Section of the Police Department. These officers are replaced on the patrol watches by off-duty patrol officers working on an overtime basis. The grant is used to fund the Patrol Section overtime; the remaining funds are used for training, needed equipment, and for some of the operating expenses of the Anti-Gang Unit.

The application to GASA, for continued funding of the program and acceptance of a one-year grant continuation award, was approved on April 1, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-145.