



## **Council Communication No. 97-327**

### **SYNOPSIS –**

A grant application has been prepared for submission to the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the U.S. Department of Justice to fund the procurement of equipment, technology, and other material directly related to supporting basic law enforcement functions.

### **FISCAL IMPACT –**

This application requests federal funding in the amount of \$276,376. Funds to support the local match requirement of \$30,708 will be provided by asset forfeiture funds as a one-time expense.

### **RECOMMENDATION –**

**Approval.**

### **BACKGROUND –**

The City of Des Moines applied for and received a total grant award in the amount of \$291,931 from the Omnibus Fiscal Year 1996 Appropriations Act (Public Law 104-134) through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program during 1996, by Council Communication Number 96-291, Roll Call No. 96-2508, of July 15, 1996.

The Omnibus Fiscal Year 1997 Appropriations Act (Public Law 104-208) authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance to make funds available to units of local government under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program, for the purposes of reducing crime and improving public safety.

The City of Des Moines is eligible to receive a total grant amount of \$307,084. The Des Moines Police Department is in the process of developing a list of equipment and technology items to be reviewed by the Council and Advisory Board.