

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-505  
OCTOBER 6, 1997 AGENDA**

**SUBJECT:**

**BOTANICAL CENTER–  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT  
GRANT APPLICATION**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**DONALD TRIPP  
PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR**

**SYNOPSIS –**

To approve submittal of a Cultural Enrichment Grant (CEG) to the State of Iowa.

**FISCAL IMPACT –**

Funds received are used to cover portions of the Botanical Center' s operation not normally covered in the City budget.

**RECOMMENDATION –**

**Approval of CEG submittal to the State of Iowa.**

**BACKGROUND –**

The Botanical Center is eligible to receive funding from the State of Iowa through the CEG program. The Center seeks permission to submit an application for this competitive grant prior to the October 15, 1997 application deadline.

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 eighth year, is funded at \$173,280 for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998, precisely the same appropriation as in FY97. One of 11 institutions receiving funds last year, the Botanical Center was awarded \$14,000 in FY97. In the past, the Center used CEG funds to cover expenses for two Chinese horticulturists working for one year at the Center, the purchase of props for the seasonal

floral displays beneath the dome, and other programs that would not be possible within existing City budgets.