

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-543  
NOVEMBER 17, 1997 AGENDA**

**SUBJECT:**

**GRANT AWARD– 1997 LOCAL LAW  
ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**WILLIAM MOULDER  
CHIEF OF POLICE**

**SYNOPSIS –**

The City of Des Moines applied for and received a grant award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program. The Grant Award and Special Conditions must be signed by the Mayor, and a copy returned to the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Special Conditions require the City to establish an advisory board authorized to make non-binding recommendations to the local government, and to hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed use of the grant award. These special conditions must be met before the City may obligate any of the grant funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT –**

The total grant award is in the amount of \$307,084, which includes the 1997 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Award of \$276,376 and the use of \$30,708 in forfeited funds for local match. The grant application purpose area, for which the Police Department applied, was “ Law enforcement support for procuring equipment, technology, and other material directly related to basic law enforcement functions.”

**RECOMMENDATION –**

**S Acceptance of the grant award by the City, with Council authorization for the Mayor to sign the Grant Award and Special Conditions documents, on behalf of the City.**

**S Establish and appoint the membership of the advisory board.**

**S Accept the suggested advisory board charge as written.**

**S Approve the proposed schedule of advisory board events.**

## **BACKGROUND –**

The City applied for and received a total grant award in the amount of \$291,931 from Omnibus Fiscal Year 1996 Appropriations Act (Public Law 104-134) through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program during 1996 (Council Communication No. 96-291, Roll Call No. 96-2508, July 15, 1996). Funds are being used to purchase a terminal for the Automated Fingerprint Index System, computers, digital phones, and portable radios.

The City applied for and received a total grant award in the amount of \$307,084 from the Omnibus Fiscal Year 1997 Appropriations Act (Public Law 104-208) through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program during 1997 (Council Communication No. 97-327, Roll Call No. 97-2086, June 16, 1997).