

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 98-083
MARCH 2, 1998 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:

**HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING
AREA GRANT APPLICATION AND AWARD**

SUBMITTED BY:

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CHIEF OF POLICE**

SYNOPSIS –

The Federal Office of National Drug Control Policy has made funds available for programs to combat drug trafficking. A multi-agency task force has been developed to investigate cases involving the distribution of methamphetamine.

Participants will include a Des Moines officer, agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the State Division of Narcotics Enforcement, and a deputy sheriff. The City will be reimbursed the cost of the officer, as well as vehicle and related expenses.

FISCAL IMPACT –

One year grant for \$72,658. There is no City match.

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval of grant application and award.

BACKGROUND –

The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area grant (HIDTA) is designed to utilize extra resources of the Federal Government to combat narcotic trafficking. The HIDTA grant being implemented in this area is designed specifically to address the epidemic of methamphetamine trafficking. The primary goal of the HIDTA group in Iowa is to support law enforcement efforts to investigate methamphetamine distribution within the State. The group of investigators assigned to the Des Moines area will consist of an agent with the DEA, a Polk County deputy sheriff, an agent with the Iowa Department of Narcotic Enforcement, and a Des Moines police officer. The role of the

Des Moines officer will consist primarily of handling methamphetamine cases in the Des Moines area and assisting metro area law enforcement as it relates to methamphetamine investigations. This will include, but will not be limited to, the collection and dissemination of intelligence information and the handling or assisting with methamphetamine investigations by conducting surveillance, providing monetary resources, or technical support.

The Des Moines police officer will maintain an on-site workstation at both the Des Moines Police Station in the Vice and Narcotics Control Section Office and the DEA Office in Des Moines. Transportation and equipment needs will be provided by the grant. Salary and overtime will be handled through regular payroll channels and reimbursed to the City by the grant. The Des Moines officer's travel will be limited to the Central Iowa area except as provided by the needs of the HIDTA group and with the knowledge of the commander of the Des Moines Vice and Narcotic Control Section. The Des Moines officer will be under the direct supervision of the HIDTA group leader from the DEA. The prior year HIDTA grant was approved March 24, 1997, Roll Call No. 97-995.