



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

98-117

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

AGENDA:

APRIL 6, 1998

SYNOPSIS —

SUBJECT:

GOVERNOR’ S
ALLIANCE ON
SUBSTANCE ABUSE
GRANT
APPLICATION—POLICE
DEPARTMENT’ S
“ YOUTH AT RISK
PROGRAM”

The Police Department’ s Anti-Gang Squad is in its fourth and final year of grant eligibility and will lose grant funding effective June 30, 1998. The Police Department has developed a new concept and completed a grant application for a program titled “ Youth at Risk.” If approved, the application will be submitted to the Governor’ s Alliance on Substance Abuse (GASA), to request federal “ Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance” funding for the program. There is a 25 percent match funding requirement for this grant program, and if approved, program funding would begin July 1, 1998 and run through June 30, 1999.

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

FISCAL IMPACT —

SUBMITTED BY:

WILLIAM MOULDER
CHIEF OF POLICE

The total estimated budget for this project is \$192,692.10, with federal funding of \$144,519.07 being requested and a required 25 percent City match of \$48,173.03. Funding for the 25 percent match is to be re-appropriated from within the Police Department budget.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The Police Department’ s Anti-Gang Squad is in its fourth and final year of GASA Grant eligibility and will lose grant funding effective June 30, 1998. The Anti-Gang Squad is expected to continue operations utilizing available departmental funding.

The “ Youth at Risk” Program was a concept developed by the Patrol Division to address an identified problem. Officers investigating criminal offenses are encountering youth on court ordered probation, but the officers have no means of identifying youth on probation, let alone what the terms of their probation may be. As a result, these serious, chronic, and violent offenders taunt the criminal justice system, through continued acts of disobedience to court ordered sanctions, having little fear of detection; and, therefore, making little effort to be accountable to their agreement with the court. These same individuals are responsible for the commission of more criminal acts, and increased risks of committing even more heinous crimes against society, while serving their probationary sentences. This program was developed to create a partnership with Juvenile Court and the State’ s Youthful Offender Program, to hold youthful offenders accountable to their agreements with the criminal justice system and the community.