CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

98-119

AGENDA:

APRIL 6, 1998

SUBJECT:

GOVERNOR'S ALLIANCE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE GRANT APPLICATION– LIVESCAN AND PRISONER BOOKING SYSTEM

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
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SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM _____

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SYNOPSIS –

States are required to use 5 percent of the federal "Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance" funding to improve criminal history record systems. The City was invited by the State to apply for Byrne funding to secure a Livescan System to improve the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of criminal history information being submitted to the State. The Police and Information Technology Departments are requesting an automated prisoner booking system as part of this proposal, to allow the current booking application to be removed from the City's mainframe computer. The Police Department is seeking approval to submit the Byrne application to the Governor's Alliance on Substance Abuse (GASA) for funding of the proposal.

FISCAL IMPACT –

The total estimated budget for this project is $298,758, with federal funding of $224,068.50 being requested and a required 25 percent City match of $74,689.50. Funding for the 25 percent match is to be appropriated from the City's Information Technology Department funds. If approved by City Council and GASA, program funding would begin July 1, 1998 and end June 30, 1999.

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval.

BACKGROUND –

Police and Information Technology Department representatives have been involved in discussions with Polk County,

concerning an automated prisoner booking system, to allow the two agencies to share information. The Police Department is looking for technology solutions to reduce the amount of staff time required to process prisoners, which involves making multiple fingerprint cards, taking mug shots, typing criminal history information and disposition forms. State law also requires the information to be delivered to the state for entry into the central records repository within 48 hours of the arrest. This project will reduce the number of errors from repetitive manual record entries and allow the Police Department to redirect time savings, to other priorities and critical tasks. It will also improve offender tracking and increase the investigative value of criminal history information. This is an opportunity for the City to secure federal funding to improve the efficiency of the Police Department's prisoner booking and processing system, through the implementation of technology.