



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

98-145

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

AGENDA:
APRIL 20, 1998

SYNOPSIS –

SUBJECT:
REQUEST FOR
FEDERAL ASSET
FORFEITURE
FUNDS

The Community Development Department made application for federal Weed and Seed funds to support projects in the Enterprise Community. The U.S. Department of Justice makes federal asset forfeiture funds available to Weed and Seed sites, to support joint federal and local law enforcement task force operations. The Police Department is proposing to continue participation in the joint “ Drug and Violent Crime Task Force,” with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The “ Drug and Violent Crime Task Force” will use the resources of both agencies in a cooperative effort to disrupt illicit drug trafficking in the Enterprise Community. The Police Department’ s bicycle patrol is one of the enforcement components assigned to task force operations. If approved, task force operations would be allowed to continue for approximately one year, after June 30, 1998.

TYPE:
RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:
WILLIAM
MOULDER
CHIEF OF POLICE

FISCAL IMPACT –

The total estimated budget for this project is \$100,000 in federal funds, with no matching fund requirement.

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval.

BACKGROUND –

In April 1997, the City submitted a request to the Department of Justice Assistance to share in federal asset forfeiture funds, made available to Weed and Seed sites to support joint law enforcement task force operations. The task force concept developed allowed the Police Department to continue the operation of the bicycle patrol, established several years earlier.

The bicycle patrol component is used as a direct link between task force operations and citizens residing in the Enterprise Community. The previous City Council approval for the joint law enforcement task force occurred on April 28, 1997, Roll Call No. 97-1499.

The Community Development Department received City Council approval to submit an application for 1998 Weed and Seed funding to support projects in the Enterprise Community on March 23, 1998, Roll Call No. 98-876.