

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

98-228

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

AGENDA:
JUNE 1, 1998

SYNOPSIS –

SUBJECT:
PRAIRIE MEADOWS
GRANT AWARD

In April of 1998, the City of Des Moines Park and Recreation Department was awarded a \$75,000 grant from Prairie Meadows Race Track and Casino. Last fall the Park and Recreation Department submitted a grant in the amount of \$300,000 over a four year period. Prairie Meadows Race Track and Casino awarded \$75,000 to the City and has encouraged us to re-apply for future requests. The funds are dedicated to completion of the restroom/concession facility at the Greater Des Moines Softball Park.

TYPE:
RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
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SUBMITTED BY:
DONALD TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

FISCAL IMPACT –

The estimated cost of construction for grading and development of the first four (4) fields and buildings is 3.1 million dollars. Of the total project cost, the Park and Recreation Department is requesting a four (4) year \$75,000 annual contribution from the Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino through their grant application request form.

RECOMMENDATION –

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND –

Grading at the Greater Des Moines Softball Park began this spring. A second contract for the construction of the first four fields is scheduled to be let for bid this summer. Jim Cownie, Fund-raising Chairman for the Greater Des Moines Sports Parks has agreed to seek additional funding for both of these projects. In order to proceed with the third phase of construction, which would include the restroom/concession facility, parking lots and landscaping, additional funds will need to be secured.

The multiple year grant from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino will greatly assist with the private contributions and City' s funding to build a first class tournament softball complex to improve league and tournament play.

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