

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

98-370

SYNOPSIS –

AGENDA:
AUGUST 24, 1998

On the August 24, 1998, Council agenda is a roll call to support the establishment of a Black Officers Memorial at Fort Des Moines.

SUBJECT:
FORT DES MOINES
BLACK OFFICERS
MEMORIAL

FISCAL IMPACT –

TYPE:
RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

N/A

RECOMMENDATION –

SUBMITTED BY:
ERIC ANDERSON
CITY MANAGER

Approval

BACKGROUND –

In 1998, the Iowa General Assembly appropriated funds to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for a program to assist in the renovation, repair or new construction of public recreation facilities and sites through the Rebuild Iowa's Infrastructure Fund. The Recreation Infrastructure grant program provides state financial assistance to cities, counties, organizations, and associations in the State of Iowa for acquisition, repair, renovation, and development of public outdoor recreation complexes. Funding in the amount of \$2.5 million is available from this one-time program and grant applications are due September 1, 1998. Funding for this program will be appropriated to the successful agencies after January 1, 1999.

The mission of the Fort Des Moines Black Officers Memorial, Inc. is to create and maintain a memorial and international tourist attraction honoring the U.S. Army's first officer candidate class for African-American soldiers at Fort Des Moines, Iowa in 1917 during World War One, and its legacy.

The Fort Des Moines Black Officers Memorial, Inc. is a non-profit organization that has applied for a \$100,000 Recreation Infrastructure Grant from the IDNR. As a part of the application process, the Fort Des Moines Black Officers Memorial, Inc. must have a resolution of support from a governmental body.

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