

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

98-435

SYNOPSIS —

AGENDA:

The Botanical Center seeks approval to submit a Cultural Enrichment Grant (CEG) prior to the October 15, 1998, application deadline.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT —

BOTANICAL CENTER -
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT
GRANT APPLICATION

Funds received are used to cover portions of the Botanical Center's operation that are not normally covered in the City Budget. The grant is competitive with the award size being determined by both the number of applicants and the scoring of applications.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
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RECOMMENDATION —

SUBMITTED BY:

Approval.

DONALD TRIPP
PARK AND RECREATION
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND —

Awarded by the Department of Cultural Affairs of the State of Iowa, the CEG provides operating support to major, multi-disciplinary cultural institutions located in Iowa. The CEG program, now in its ninth year, is funded at \$173,280 for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999, precisely the same appropriation as in FY 1998. One of 11 institutions receiving funds last year, the Botanical Center was awarded \$6,400 in FY 1998. In the past, the Center has used CEG funds to cover such things as the expenses of the two Chinese horticulturists that spent a year working at the Center and the purchase of props for the seasonal floral displays beneath the dome, etc.

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