



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

98-437

SYNOPSIS —

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

The Des Moines Enterprise Community' s comprehensive School-to-Work Opportunities Plan will increase the consistency of educational and employment opportunities for all Enterprise Community youth, including out-of-school youth, through a collaborative, coordinating partnership of education, employment, and human service programs.

SUBJECT:

SCHOOL-TO-WORK
PROGRAM

FISCAL IMPACT —

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

U.S. Department of Labor funds in the amount of \$385,836 will be utilized for the duration of one year. Initial start date begins October 1, 1998.

RECOMMENDATION —

SUBMITTED BY:

JAMES GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

To approve the City of Des Moines to serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of the Des Moines Public Schools, Des Moines Area Community College, Drake University, the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, and the Des Moines Enterprise Community. The partnership will coordinate and integrate the academic, technical skill and human service programs, in accordance with the City' s Enterprise Community' s Strategic Plan.

BACKGROUND —

The Des Moines Enterprise Community, comprised of three contiguous census tracts, is made up of approximately 10,000 highly diverse residents and over 120 private and public businesses, most with fewer than 50 employees. Nearly 3,000 youth, up to age 17, reside

in the Enterprise Community.

The Des Moines Enterprise Community School-to-Work Partnership planned a comprehensive system to ensure all youth who reside or attend school in the Enterprise Community have a consistent quality of educational and employment opportunities. This provides a case management approach to connecting educational, employment, and human service support to the Enterprise Community youth. Individual plans, developed with family involvement, of short- and long-term goals will address the multiple barriers to education and employment success faced by youth in high poverty areas.

The plan addresses preparing in-school and out-of-school youth for high-skill, high-wage jobs through balanced academic and occupational learning experiences focused on the knowledge and skills essential for today's workforce. The plan also provides a framework of career majors to guide youth through career exploration and planning for higher education, additional training, and employment.

The Des Moines Enterprise Community School-to-Work grant was submitted by the partnership in June 1998. The Des Moines Public Schools have been advised by grant reviewers that the federal regulation requires the Enterprise Community must serve as the fiscal agent. The City will have a subrecipient agreement with Des Moines Public School to administer the grant.