



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

98-575

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

Approval of grant application to Prairie Meadows Race Track and Casino for financial support for the Greater Des Moines Softball Park.

DECEMBER 21, 1998

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

GREATER DES MOINES
SOFTBALL PARK PRAIRIE
MEADOWS GRANT
APPLICATION

The grant application to Prairie Meadows Race Track and Casino is for \$75,000 for the first year and \$250,000 the next three years.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approve grant application to Prairie Meadows Race Track and Casino for financial support in the construction of the Greater Des Moines Softball Park concession and rest room facilities.

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

DONALD TRIPP
PARK AND RECREATION
DIRECTOR

The Greater Des Moines Softball Park Phase I grading is nearing completion, with the next phase of construction anticipated to begin in the spring/summer of 1999. In September of 1997, by Resolution No. 97-3097, the City Council approved a grant application to Prairie Meadows Race Track and Casino in the amount of \$300,000 over a four-year period, \$75,000 each year. The City was awarded \$75,000 toward its request for support of the Greater Des Moines Softball Park. However, the award committee indicated that the City must submit a new grant request each year for future funding.

Due to the number of outdated remote softball fields, this tournament facility will assist in improving league play

for the residents of Des Moines along with the City's ability to bid for regional and national tournaments. The multiple year grant from Prairie Meadows Race Track 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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