

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**99-120**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

MARCH 22, 1999

States are required to use 5 percent of the Federal "Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance" funding to improve criminal history record systems. The City was invited by the State to apply for Byrne funding to secure a Livescan System to improve the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of criminal history information being submitted to the State. The Police and Information Technology (IT) Departments are requesting approval to submit the Byrne application to the Governor's Alliance on Substance Abuse (GASA) to seek funding for the proposal. The 25 percent required match funding would be provided by IT Department funds and, if approved by the City Council and GASA, program funding would begin July 1, 1999 and end June 30, 2000.

**SUBJECT:**

GASA GRANT  
APPLICATION

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

WILLIAM MOULDER  
CHIEF OF POLICE

The total estimated budget for this project is \$84,500, with federal funding of \$63,375 being requested and a required 25 percent City match of \$21,125. Funding for the 25 percent match is to be appropriated from the City's IT Department funds.

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND -**

On April 6, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-1034, the City Council approved a grant application for an automated prisoner fingerprinting and processing system. On

January 25, 1999, by Roll Call No. 99-214, the City Council approved purchase of the equipment. We anticipate delivery and installation this spring.

Police and IT Department representatives continue discussions with Polk County concerning an automated prisoner booking system to allow the two agencies to share information. The Police Department is looking for technology solutions to reduce the amount of staff time required to process prisoners, which involves making multiple fingerprint cards, taking mug shots, typing criminal history information, and disposition forms. State law also requires the information to be delivered to the state for entry into the central record repository within 48 hours of the arrest. This project will reduce the number of errors from repetitive manual record entries and allow the Police Department to redirect timesaving to other priorities and critical tasks. It will also improve offender tracking and increase the investigative value of criminal history information.

This is an opportunity for the City to secure federal funding to improve the efficiency of the Police Department's prisoner booking and processing system through the implementation of technology.