

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

99-197

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

MAY 3, 1999

Approve 28E Agreement between the City and Link Associates for management of the Special Programs Enriching Leisure Lifestyles (SPELL) program.

SUBJECT:

28E AGREEMENT
WITH LINK
ASSOCIATES

FISCAL IMPACT -

From \$8,000 to \$12,000 based on approved funding from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Free facility space will be provided for practices and competitions to prepare for the Iowa Special Olympic Games.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

The Park and Recreation Board, at their April 27, 1999 meeting, by Resolution No. 99-134, recommended approval of the 28E Agreement between the City and Link Associates. On October 5, 1992, by Resolution No. 92-3901, the City entered into a cooperative agreement with Link Associates to jointly provide services to individuals with disabilities. The Park and Recreation Department managed the team competitions and assisted with cultural activities, while Link Associates coordinated the individual competitions and other related activities.

With the restructuring of the Park and Recreation Services Division, a recreation position was transferred into a maintenance position. This change reduced the staff support provided by the City. The 28E Agreement will allow for Link Associates to manage and operate the entire SPELL program.

The City will provide financial support from CDBG funds annually allocated for this purpose and provide access to areas within the park system for the training and development of individuals to prepare for competition in the Iowa Special Olympic Games.

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