



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

99-303

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JUNE 28, 1999

SUBJECT:

**DRUG AND
VIOLENT CRIME
TASK FORCE**

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

In November of 1997, the Community Development Department made application for federal Weed and Seed funds to support projects in the Enterprise Community. The U.S. Department of Justice makes federal asset forfeiture funds available to Weed and Seed sites to support joint federal and local law enforcement task force operations. The Police Department is proposing to continue participation in the joint "Drug and Violent Crime Task Force" with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The "Drug and Violent Crime Task Force" will use the resources of both the Police Department and the DEA in a cooperative effort to disrupt illicit drug trafficking in the Enterprise Community. The Police Department's bicycle/mounted patrol is one of the enforcement components assigned to task force operations. If approved, task force operations would be allowed to continue for approximately one year after June 30, 1999.

SUBMITTED BY:

**WILLIAM
MOULDER
CHIEF OF POLICE**

FISCAL IMPACT -

None. The total estimated budget for this project is \$50,000 in federal funds with no matching fund requirement.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

On March 22, 1999, by Roll Call No. 99-832, the City Council approved a request to the Department of Justice that \$50,000 in federal asset forfeiture funds be made available to Weed and Seed sites to support joint law enforcement task force operations. The task force concept allowed the Police

Department to continue the operation of the bicycle/mounted patrol and the narcotics task force.

We are eligible for a supplemental request for an additional \$50,000 that has become available through the Department of Justice's Assistance Program. The money will be used to pay for additional overtime and equipment for both the bicycle/mounted patrol and narcotic task force.

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