

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

99-383

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

AGENDA:

AUGUST 23, 1999

SYNOPSIS -

Approve a Recreation Infrastructure grant application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for Phase II development of the Greater Des Moines Softball Park.

SUBJECT:

RECREATION
INFRASTRUCTURE
GRANT
APPLICATION FOR
THE GREATER DES
MOINES SOFTBALL
PARK

FISCAL IMPACT -

The grant request is for \$100,000 from the DNR's Recreation Infrastructure Grant. The cost estimate to complete Phase II construction of the Greater Des Moines Softball Park is \$1.7 million. The current revenue balance is \$975,000 from the following sources:

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

\$586,101 CIP # 409144
\$274,017 Private Gifts (Greater Des Moines Foundation)
\$105,000 Prairie Meadow Grants
\$ 10,000 Single Beverage Provider Agreement
\$975,118 Total

SUBMITTED BY:

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

The Iowa General Assembly appropriates funds to the DNR for a program to assist in the renovation, repair, or new construction of public recreation facilities and sites through the "Rebuild Iowa's Infrastructure Fund." The Recreation Infrastructure grant program provides state financial assistance to cities, counties, organizations, and associations in Iowa for the purpose of acquisition, repair, renovation, and development of public recreation complexes.

Of the \$1.7 million construction estimate, \$400,000 is for water main and sanitary sewer extension fees. The scheduling of extension of these utilities has not been determined. The final construction phase of the Softball Park will not proceed until this issue is resolved.

The above revenue from the City and other private sources will be used to leverage the required two-thirds match. The grant application is due to the DNR by September 1, 1999, with award announcement in December 1999. Department staff is aware of the potential difference in available funds and the estimated construction costs. The remaining \$627,000 will be funded through an increase of public or private funds or a reduction in the scope of construction. This detail will be provided when the Park and Recreation Department prepares construction documents for City Council approval.