



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-475

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

OCTOBER 16, 2000

Approval of the reprogramming of \$54,251 of 1998-1999 Weed & Seed funding. Authorize and direct the City Manager to implement the Weed & Seed projects added by Exhibit B.

SUBJECT:

REPROGRAMMING
OF WEED & SEED
1998-1999 FUNDING

FISCAL IMPACT -

NONE

TYPE:

APPROVAL.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

BACKGROUND -

SUBMITTED BY:

JAMES GRANT,
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

On August 17, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-2614, the City Council accepted a \$175,000 grant award from the Executive Office for Weed and Seed. On August 23, 1999, by Roll Call No. 99-2648, the City Council accepted an additional \$175,000 grant award from the Executive Office for Weed and Seed.

The Department of Justice and other federal agencies are implementing Operation Weed and Seed, a comprehensive and integrated multi-agency approach to addressing violent crime, drug abuse and deteriorating social and economic opportunities in low-income neighborhoods.

The Des Moines Weed & Seed site continues to move forward to implement the strategic plan that was developed by the community. The Des Moines Enterprise Community Steering Committee (ECSC) continues to serve as the advisory committee for Weed & Seed. Citizen involvement in the Weed & Seed strategy has been, and will continue, to be extensive.

The reprogramming of the 1998-1999 funding will be utilized for the following activities:

- Develop a Des Moines Weed and Seed Site Web Page
- Provide funding to four Weed and Seed Safe Haven Sites
- Moulton Elementary -King Elementary
- John R. Grubb YMCA -Urban Dreams
- Iowa State University (ISU)/Community Outreach Partnership Center
(COPC) Newsletter Distribution
- Children & Families of Iowa (CFI) Tutoring Program
- Pre-school Book Drive & Celebration
- Entrepreneur Market

Staff recommends the City of Des Moines, in its capacity as a recipient of Weed and Seed funding, approve the reprogramming of \$54,251 of 1998-1999 Weed & Seed funding.