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CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM _____

01-374

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

AGENDA:

JULY 23, 2001

SUBJECT:

GRANT
APPLICATION TO
OFFICE OF JUSTICE
PROGRAMS FOR
TRAINING
EQUIPMENT

SYNOPSIS -

The Fire Department has prepared a grant application to the Office of Justice Programs for the Fiscal Year 2001 Nunn-Lugar-Domenici Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program. The Fire Department is requesting funding to purchase training equipment to be used for training of "first responders" in a mass casualty incident.

FISCAL IMPACT -

The total requested from the Office of Justice Programs is \$280,000. Other than the salary cost of training on-duty personnel, there is no other cost to the City.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

RON WAKEHAM
FIRE CHIEF

BACKGROUND -

The Office of Justice Programs is providing funds for the purchase of specialized training equipment for fire, emergency medical, and hazardous materials response services as part of the Nunn-Lugar-Domenici Domestic Preparedness Program. These funds represent the equipment component of a broader initiative designed to enhance the response capability of designated cities to respond to acts of terrorism involving the use of weapons of mass destruction. The funds are designed to provide "first responders" equipment and training in the event of an explosive, chemical, or biological terrorist act.

Direct equipment grant awards are being provided for the procurement of personal protection, detection, and decontamination training equipment. These grants are provided in lieu of the equipment loans that were formerly provided by the Department of Defense.

The grant award is designed as a "draw down" grant. The City will purchase items previously approved by the Office of Justice Programs. The City will then submit documentation of the purchase and request reimbursement from the Office of Justice Programs. The maximum length of the program is 36 months from the date of federal approval.
