

## Meeting Agendas/Info

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:	ITEM _____
01-538	<b>OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA</b>
<b>AGENDA:</b>	<b>SYNOPSIS -</b>
OCTOBER 22, 2001	On the October 22, 2001 Council agenda is a roll call to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in order to draw down a \$200,000 grant for federal staff support related to the Brownfields Showcase Community designation. Ellen Walkowiak with the City's Office of Economic Development is coordinating the City activities relative to this project.
<b>SUBJECT:</b>  EPA COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL STAFF SUPPORT RELATED TO BROWNFIELDS SHOWCASE COMMUNITY DESIGNATION	<b>FISCAL IMPACT -</b>  As a Brownfields Showcase Community, the EPA is awarding the City \$200,000 for environmental assessment work and \$200,000 for staff support in the form of a federal employee assigned to the City to assist with brownfields project coordination and implementation activities. No matching funds are required.
<b>TYPE:</b>	
<b><u>RESOLUTION</u></b> ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	<b>RECOMMENDATION -</b>  <b>Approval.</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	<b>BACKGROUND -</b>
ERIC A. ANDERSON CITY MANAGER	On October 11, 2000, the EPA designated the City of Des Moines one of only 28 communities nationwide as a Brownfields Showcase Community. Des Moines serves as a national model in advancing the cause of brownfields redevelopment.
	Earlier this year, the City Council authorized execution and submittal of federal documents required to access the above-referenced funding to implement the City's Brownfields Showcase Initiative. The Cooperative Agreement needs to be signed in order to secure and draw down federal funding for this project.

An employee from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII, is anticipated to start working directly with the City's Showcase Initiative within the next several months. The assignment is expected to extend from 18 months to two years, depending on available funding.

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