



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**02-317**

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

**AGENDA:**

**SYNOPSIS -**

JUNE 17, 2002

On the June 17, 2002 Council agenda is a roll call to authorize the Mayor to execute several federal documents to apply for federal funds. Funds are related to incorporating smart growth and brownfields revitalization in the Des Moines Agrimergent Technology Park. Ellen Walkowiak with the City's Office of Economic Development is coordinating the City activities relative to this project.

**SUBJECT:**

APPLICATION FOR  
FEDERAL FUNDS  
RELATED TO DES  
MOINES  
AGRIMERGENT  
TECHNOLOGY PARK

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has invited the City to apply for \$45,000 for funding under the Smart Growth: Saving Open Space, Revitalizing Brownfields Program. No matching funds are required. However, the City will seek additional funding and in-kind contributions of approximately \$75,000 to apply project findings to the Agrimergent Technology Park.

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**Approval.**

ERIC A. ANDERSON  
CITY MANAGER

**BACKGROUND -**

On October 11, 2001, EPA designated the City of Des Moines a Brownfields Showcase Community. Because of the City's "Showcase" designation and its proposal to redevelop the Des Moines Agrimergent Technology Park, the City has been invited to submit a formal grant application to the EPA to incorporate smart growth and brownfields revitalization in redeveloping the Park. EPA extended the invitation in late May and required applications to be submitted by June 15, 2002. Council is requested to authorize submission of the grant application retroactively.

Federal funds are proposed to be used to develop a user-friendly interactive, quantitative model that will demonstrate the cost, cost savings, and other benefits of implementing smart growth and environmental stewardship strategies in site and building design on brownfields for industrial reuse.

Several other objectives are proposed to be met as additional funds are identified:

- Apply the model by developing design guidelines for the Agrimergent Technology Park that will focus on reducing land consumption and creating sustainable industrial sites.
  - Specify the type and extent of incentives businesses need to implement smart growth and environmental protection approaches on brownfields for industrial reuse.
  - Provide recommendations to incorporate smart growth and environmental protection guidelines into City land use policies for industrial development and to create incentives so that brownfields will become more viable investment choices.
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