

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-404

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

AGENDA:

AUGUST 5, 2002

SUBJECT:

JUVENILE
ACCOUNTABILITY
INCENTIVE BLOCK
GRANT

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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SYNOPSIS -

Federal grant funds of \$63,582 are available to the City of Des Moines for certain juvenile justice programs. The funds appropriated for Des Moines can be redirected to another eligible agency. It is recommended that the Des Moines allocation of \$63,582 be redirected to the Polk County Decategorization Project. The funds will be available to the City of Des Moines should the need arise for any future projects.

FISCAL IMPACT -

The \$63,582 allocation to the City of Des Moines would be made available to the Polk County Decategorization Project.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

Federal legislation has established a Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program. In Iowa, the program is administered by the State Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning and Statistical Analysis Center. A portion of these funds is available to certain units of local government. The funds are for programs to reduce juvenile delinquency, improve the juvenile justice system, and increase accountability for juvenile offenders.

This is the fourth year of funds to support improvements in the juvenile justice system. As we have done in the past, we are recommending that the allocation for the City of Des Moines be redirected to the Polk County Decategorization Project. A portion of the funds, \$30,000, will be earmarked for improvements in the Police Department's digital photography equipment to be used, in part, to

photograph juveniles who are taken into custody. The balance will be used to support the development of a Countywide juvenile database for use by the criminal justice system.
