

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**02-465**

**AGENDA:**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

**SUBJECT:**

APPLICATION FOR  
ADDITIONAL  
\$100,000 FOR  
FEDERAL STAFF  
SUPPORT RELATED  
TO BROWNFIELDS  
SHOWCASE  
COMMUNITY  
DESIGNATION

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

ERIC A. ANDERSON  
CITY MANAGER

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

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

**SYNOPSIS —**

On the September 9, 2002 Council agenda is a roll call to authorize the Mayor to execute an application and other documents to access an additional \$100,000 in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funds 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.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

As a Brownfields Showcase Community, the EPA is awarding the City an additional \$100,000 for federal staff support to assist with brownfields project coordination and implementation activities. No matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND —**

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 leader in brownfields redevelopment.

On July 24, 2002, EPA Deputy Administrator Linda Fisher announced that EPA is providing an additional \$100,000 to Brownfields Showcase Communities for continued federal staff support. An employee from EPA Region VII is currently working in the Office of Economic Development on the City's Showcase Initiative. Additional funds will allow her to extend her tenure from two to approximately three years—from December 30, 2001 to December 30, 2004.

EPA assistance will enable the City to achieve a higher level of expertise that will be institutionalized and extend throughout the community after direct federal staff support has concluded.

