

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**03-151**

**AGENDA:**

APRIL 7, 2003

**SUBJECT:**

OFFICE OF DRUG  
CONTROL POLICY  
GRANT  
APPLICATION

**TYPE:**

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

WILLIAM MCCARTHY  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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

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

**SYNOPSIS —**

The Des Moines Police Department has recently joined the Polk County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force. The Sheriff's Office is currently applying for a grant through the Office of Drug Control Policy to support the work of the Task Force. If received, the grant will pay for salary and benefits for two Des Moines Police Narcotic Officers who will be assigned full-time to the Task Force.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

If received, the grant will provide 100 percent reimbursement for two officers.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

**Receive and file.**

**BACKGROUND —**

The Polk County Drug Task Force was created in 2002. The Task Force represents 18 local, state, and federal agencies. Its purpose is to investigate illegal drug trafficking in a five county central Iowa area with an emphasis on methamphetamine cases. They investigate street level sales cases as well as multiple level distribution cases.

A Board of Directors from the represented agencies manages the Task Force, but the administration and command of the Task Force rests with the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Existing members of the Polk County Drug Task Force are Polk County Sheriff, West Des Moines Police Department, Clive Police Department, Urbandale Police Department, Johnston Police Department, Altoona Police Department, and Ankeny Police Department.

