

CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

03-152

AGENDA:

APRIL 7, 2003

SUBJECT:

PROJECT SAFE
NEIGHBORHOOD
GRANT APPLICATION

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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CHIEF OF POLICE

ITEM _____

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS —

The Office of Drug Control Policy has awarded the Des Moines Police Department the Project Safe Neighborhood Grant. The grant will allocate funds for officers' overtime to speak to community groups and school age children to promote safety and prevention of gun violence and provide computer equipment for this purpose. The anticipated start of this program will be July 1, 2003 and could extend from 24-36 months.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The amount of the grant is approximately \$36,000 and will fund officers' overtime and computer equipment.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The U.S. Attorney's Office contacted the Des Moines Police Department to develop a strategy to assist in the implementation of gun violence education and how to address this problem. The firearm statistics for Des Moines are listed below:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Firearm Related Calls for Service	5,155	5,261	5,365
Confiscated Firearms	369	432	385

