

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-326

AGENDA:

JULY 14, 2003

SUBJECT:

AGREEMENT FOR
DISBURSEMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
FUNDS, FLEUR DRIVE
BEAUTIFICATION

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM 58

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

SYNOPSIS —

The privately funded Fleur Drive Beatification Project has been granted \$400,000 in transportation funds by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). An agreement between IDOT, Des Moines Water Works (DMWW), and the City is necessary to efficiently disburse these funds.

FISCAL IMPACT —

There is no fiscal impact to the City. \$400,000 of IDOT transportation funds will be made available for the project.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

On March 18, 2002, the City Council authorized the City Manager to start coordination work with the Mayor's Landscape Taskforce, Ruan Corporation, and DMWW in conjunction with median improvements along Fleur Drive. Since that time, the Ruan Corporation along with DMWW and a charitable foundation has started a landscaping initiative in the Fleur Drive medians.

This project contains no City capital expenditures, but is funded with a combination of private donations, DMWW labor, and IDOT transportation funds. IDOT transportation funds in the amount of \$400,000 have been approved and a check has been issued to the City of Des Moines. In order to most efficiently disburse these funds, an agreement has been drafted between IDOT, DMWW, and the City. This agreement allows the funds to be disbursed by a public agency directly involved with the project construction, minimizing delays and agency coordination issues. The funds will be turned over from the City to DMWW for disbursement.

