

**MUNICIPAL HOUSING
GOVERNING BOARD
COMMUNICATION:**

03-400

AGENDA:

AUGUST 25, 2003

SUBJECT:

AUTHORIZATION TO
SUBMIT APPLICATION
FOR 2003-2004 WEED
AND SEED FUNDING

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
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SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM - MHGB_____

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

SYNOPSIS —

Authorize submittal of application for 2003-2004 Weed & Seed funding to the Executive Office for Weed & Seed (EOWS) in the amount of \$50,000. This application is being submitted as part of the City of Des Moines' application, which seeks a total award amount of \$275,000.

FISCAL IMPACT —

\$50,000 grant award

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The Department of Justice and other federal agencies created Operation Weed and Seed, a comprehensive and integrated multi-agency approach to addressing violent crime, drug abuse, and deteriorating social and economic opportunities in low-income neighborhoods. The City of Des Moines seeks authorization from the Des Moines City Council to submit its application to attain \$275,000 in Weed and Seed funds to assist low-income neighborhoods in fighting detrimental elements that compromise their safety. Of this amount, the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency is seeking \$50,000 in Weed and Seed funds to implement greater security measures at Royal View Manor, located at 1101 Crocker. These funds would go toward purchasing such items as a new security system, additional and more sophisticated security cameras, and a digital recorder system.

While Royal View Manor is logistically outside the Weed and Seed boundaries, the Weed and Seed Steering Committee adopted the location as part of the Weed and Seed area in May 2003. Royal View's inclusion was based on its proximity to the Weed and Seed area and its strong potential to receive Weed and Seed funds.

