

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-435

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 8, 2003

SUBJECT:

PROJECT SAFE
NEIGHBORHOODS
GRANT AWARD

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 —

Through the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa, the Police Department has been awarded a Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant. Council approval is required to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem and Project Director to sign and accept the award.

FISCAL IMPACT —

\$45,200 reimbursement grant. No matching funds required.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun crime in America by providing funding for local programs which target gun crime. The program is being administered through the State of Iowa Office of Drug Control Policy for the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Police Department will use this funding to pay overtime costs associated with a supervisor working in the Homes of Oakridge complex, and for overtime and equipment costs to create and implement a community education program regarding firearms laws and gun safety. The program will encourage participation with law enforcement from the multi-cultural community to work toward making individual neighborhoods safe and assist in sharing ownership of safe streets in the overall community.

