

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-510

AGENDA:

OCTOBER 20, 2003

SUBJECT:

FM GLOBAL ARSON
GRANT FUND
PROGRAM

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

WILLIAM MCCARTHY
CHIEF OF POLICE

ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

Approval of a grant application submission to FM Global/Factory Mutual Insurance Company (101 Lindenwood Drive, Suite 200, Malvern, PA 19355). The grant application is being submitted to Bill Schultz, Midwest Arson Coordinator (N58W18375 Juniper Lane, Menomonee, WI 53051). The purpose of the grant is to fund fire departments and related agencies in order to help reduce the incidence of arson.

FISCAL IMPACT —

An application letter has been drafted requesting a total grant award in the amount of \$7,336 to purchase two laptop computers for use by arson investigators in the field. There is no local match requirement.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

FM Global/Factory Mutual Insurance Company Arson Fund Grant Program provides funding for public fire service and related agencies around the world. Since its inception in 1974, this program has distributed more than \$2 million. Grants are available for many aspects of the arson problem: investigation tools, evidence collection materials, public relations/awareness, juvenile fire setter programs, and training.

