

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-530

AGENDA:

NOVEMBER 17, 2003

SUBJECT:

LOCAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT
BLOCK GRANT
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 —

The Council appointed the membership of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Board, accepted the Advisory Board charge, and approved the proposed Advisory Board schedule of events at the Council's October 20, 2003 meeting by Roll Call No. 03-2400. The Advisory Board held their first meeting on October 22, 2003 to review the grant application. The Advisory Board's second meeting and the public hearing were held on November 6, 2003 at 8:00 a.m. at the Des Moines Regional Police Academy. The Advisory Board has prepared and is forwarding their report unanimously recommending the Police Department's proposed use of grant funds to purchase a forensic homicide/major case mobile command post and upgrade the Police Academy practice range for the use of "frangible" ammunition that disintegrates upon impact with a target.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The total grant award is in the amount of \$167,303, which includes the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant award of \$150,573 and the use of \$6,730 in forfeited funds for the local match. The purpose area in the Police Department's grant application reads: "Law enforcement support for procuring equipment, technology and other material related to the basic law enforcement functions." Acquisition of equipment will follow accepted City purchasing procedures.

RECOMMENDATION —

Receive and adopt the Advisory Board's report, approve the Police Department's use of block grant funds, and disband the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Board.

BACKGROUND —

The Council approved the grant application and authorized the Police Department to proceed, on behalf of the City, with the electronic application process and to acquire appropriate signatures, as required by the grant at the August 25, 2003 Council meeting, Roll Call No. 03-1978.

The Council accepted the Grant Award and Special Conditions documents, established and appointed the membership of the Advisory Board, accepted the Advisory Board charge, and approved the proposed Advisory Board

	schedule of events at the October 20, 2003 Council meeting, Roll Call No. 03-2400.
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