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SUBJECT—

Union Park Wading Pool – Recreational Infrastructure Grant Application

SYNOPSIS—

Approve a Recreational Infrastructure Grant (RIG) grant application in the amount of \$50,000 to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for use toward the construction of a new wading pool in Union Park.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The total cost if the wading pool is estimated at \$475,000. If approved, the grant would provide \$50,000 toward this cost. The \$425,000 match is available in the adopted FY04 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for this project.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

Annually from the years 1998 – 2000, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources allocated funds for Recreational Infrastructure Grants. Examples of projects for which these funds were to be used include:

- Visitor Centers or education facilities serving recreation

- Swimming facilities, including pools, bathhouses and related equipment
- Winter sports facilities, including ski runs/lifts, skating rinks, tobogganing,
- Playgrounds and sports facilities

A few projects previously approved for grants have failed to materialize. Remaining is a balance of \$194,287 and is now available for a small number of high priority recreational infrastructure projects. These funds must be allocated to projects by June 30, 2004.

Staff has evaluated potential projects and it has selected the reconstruction of the Union Park Wading Pool as a highly qualified project for a RIG grant.

If the grant is approved, a contract for grant acceptance will be presented to the Des Moines City Council.