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SUBJECT—

Resolution Authorizing the Chief of Police to Submit Application for Federal Assistance to Access Grant Funds for the Police and Fire Departments' Mobile Data System

SYNOPSIS—

Council is requested to authorize the Chief of Police to submit an application for Federal assistance to access funds from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 COPS Technology Initiative Grant to support the Police and Fire Departments' mobile data system.

Federal funds will be spent to acquire software with enterprise-wide applications that will enable efficient upgrades of the CAD system, dispatch, records management and other mobile data especially for the Police and Fire Departments, extend wireless technology to at least 50 City buildings and to Des Moines high schools, support new radio frequency infrastructure to increase communications reliability, and acquire and install computers and automatic vehicle location (AVL) units in emergency service personnel vehicles. This equipment will enable Incident Command to make critical public safety decisions more effectively.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Federal COPS Technology Initiative Grant funds will be used to fund the total project budget of \$494,738. No matching funds are required or provided.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

BACKGROUND—

This one-year project will enhance the mobile data capability of the Police and Fire Departments. The City initiated this effort in 2002 when it began a public safety communications improvement project. It included a new Police and Fire dispatch system, new radio consoles, a new Police records system and the implementation of a mobile data system. This Federally-funded project will improve and expand the capabilities of the mobile data system.