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SUBJECT—

Authorization to Accept 2004-2005 Weed and Seed Program Support Grant.

SYNOPSIS—

Authorize acceptance of 2004-2005 Weed & Seed Program Support Grant from the Office of Justice Programs.

FISCAL IMPACT—

\$50,000

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The U.S. Department of Justice and other federal agencies created the Weed and Seed Program Grants, a comprehensive and integrated multi-agency approach to addressing violent crime, drug abuse, and deteriorating social and economic opportunities in low-income neighborhoods. The City of Des Moines was recently awarded \$50,000 from this program and seeks approval from the Des Moines Municipal Housing Governing Board to accept the funds to assist the Des

Moines Municipal Housing Agency in implementing greater security measures at Royal View Manor, located at 1101 Crocker. These funds would go toward purchasing additional and more sophisticated security cameras, a digital recorder system, and an access control system for security doors.

While Royal View Manor is logistically outside the Weed and Seed boundaries, the Weed and Seed Steering Committee adopted the location as part of the Weed and Seed area in May 2003. Royal View's inclusion was based on its proximity to the Weed and Seed area and its strong potential to receive Weed and Seed funds.