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COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

City Manager's Office

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Director, Park and Recreation Director

SUBJECT—

Howland Award Prize Allocation

SYNOPSIS—

Approves disbursement to Des Moines Neighbors of the \$1,000 cash prize associated with the Silver James C. Howland Award for Municipal Enrichment. The award will be presented by the National League of Cities to the City of Des Moines at the annual conference in Charlotte, North Carolina on December 7 – 9, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT—

None

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The James C. Howland Awards for Municipal Enrichment presented jointly by the National League of Cities and the engineering firm of CH2M HILL recognize and highlight communities that, through thoughtful policies and effective planning, have preserved and/or enriched a high quality of life. James C. Howland is a founding member of CH2M HILL and served as its chief executive officer from 1947 – 1974.

The City of Des Moines submitted a proposal entitled “It Started in the Neighborhoods,” which received the Silver James C. Howland Award for Municipal Enrichment. The award carries with it a \$1,000.00 cash prize. Because “It Started in the Neighborhoods” is about the annual flower distribution program and the positive impact that it has had within the City, the Park and Recreation Department recommends that the cash award be given to Des Moines Neighbors in support and recognition of the positive role that the organization has played in urban beautification efforts.

City staff and Council Member Tom Vlassis will be attending the National League of Cities meeting to accept the award and to host a display that will share this program with meeting attendees.