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## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

### **City Manager's Office**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Roll Call No.:

Submitted by: Richard Clark, Acting City Manager

#### **SUBJECT—**

Acceptance of a Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation Grant and authorization for the Mayor to sign the grant agreement for funds to be used to add an art component to the City's 2005 Performance Report.

#### **SYNOPSIS—**

The City of Des Moines submitted a grant request to the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation to supplement existing funds for the creation of the 2005 City of Des Moines Performance Report. The funds from the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation will be used to coordinate a competition in cooperation with the Metro Arts Alliance to solicit submissions of art from community artists. Nine pieces of artwork will be photographed and included in the design of the 2005 Performance Report as well as photographs of works of public art in the City.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

The Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation will contribute \$9,000 to the Performance Report Project for the art component. The City of Des Moines previously received \$30,000 in grant funding from the National Center for Civic Innovation for the production of two performance reports.

#### **RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval

**BACKGROUND—**

The Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation approved the City's Grant Proposal for this project on November 16, 2005. A rough draft of the proposal was distributed to the City Council on October 26, 2005 via e-mail. With funding in place, the City will begin coordinating the art competition with the Metro Arts Alliance. The completed 2005 Performance Report, "The Art of Community," is expected to be complete by February.

The same grant that supported the City's 2004 Performance Report will fund the design and printing of the 2005 Performance Report. This grant from the National Center for Civic Innovation was approved by the City Council on July 12, 2004 by Roll Call 04-1448. The 2004 Performance Report was received and filed by the City Council on February 28, 2005 by Roll Call 05-466. The community received the 2004 Performance Report very well. The report was distributed to community stakeholders and in public places including the City's Public Libraries and in grocery stores around the City. In addition, the 2004 Performance Report was one of ten reports in the nation to receive a Certificate of Excellence from the Association of Governmental Accounting. The City Council recognized the receipt of this award on September 26, 2005 by Roll Call 05-2387.

With the addition of the art component to the 2005 Performance Report, it is believed that the report will become more desirable to new members of the community and will also expose members of the community to local artists and existing public art. A copy of the grant agreement is on file with the City Clerk.