



**Council
Communication**
Office of the City Manager

Date

June 5, 2006

Agenda Item No. 59

Roll Call No. 06-

Communication No. 06-340

Submitted by: Richard A. Clark, City Manager

AGENDA HEADING:

Receive and File the Certificate of Achievement for the 2005 City of Des Moines Performance Report, *The Art of Community*.

SYNOPSIS:

This action would receive and file an award of a *Certificate of Achievement in Service Efforts and Accomplishments Reporting* from Advancing Government Accountability (AGA) for the City's 2005 Performance Report, *The Art of Community*.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount:

Funding Source:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On May 30, 2006, the City received a letter from AGA that stated that the City had been awarded a *Certificate of Achievement in Service Efforts and Accomplishments Reporting* for its 2005 City of Des Moines Performance Report, *The Art of Community*. This prestigious award, which the City also received last year for its 2004 Performance Report, recognizes state and local government performance reports that meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) suggested criteria for reporting performance information.

The letter from AGA praised several components of the report, such as the use of reproductions of various works of art by local artists for the cover design and section dividers, the City Manager's introductory letter, the use of side bars to present additional information, and the glossary. The letter also included a list of suggestions that staff can use to improve future reports. A copy of this letter is included in the Council Packet.

The City's 2005 Performance Report uses information from three of the City's performance measurement programs and additional community data to evaluate City performance in eight major

service areas. It was funded through two grants: 1) a \$30,000 grant from the National Center for Civic Innovation (NCCI) for the production of the City's 2004 and 2005 Performance Reports and 2) a \$9,000 grant from the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation to add an art component to the 2005 Performance Report.

12,000 copies of the report have been distributed to community stakeholders and made available in public places, such as public libraries and City Hall. The report can also be found online at: <http://www.dmgov.org/2005performancereport.htm>

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 06, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-452

Action: [Receive](#) and file the City of Des Moines 2005 Performance Report, *The Art of Community*. ([Council Communication No. 06-114](#)) Moved by Vlassis to approve. Motion Carried 6-1

Date: November 21, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2849

Action: Acceptance of a Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation Grant for funds to be used to add an art component to the City's 2005 Performance Report. Sponsor: Hensley. ([Council Communication No. 05-675](#)) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: July 12, 2004

Roll Call Number: 04-1448

Action: Acceptance of National Center for Civic Innovation (NCCI) Government Performance Reporting Demonstration Grant Award. ([Council Communication No. 04-346](#)) Moved by Brooks to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

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ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE