



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 40
Roll Call No. 06-
Communication No. 06-566
Submitted by: Chris M. Johansen,
Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving 2006 Weed and Seed Grant Award of \$200,000 from the Executive Office for Weed and Seed.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of 2006 Weed and Seed Grant Award of \$200,000 from the Executive Office for Weed and Seed. Authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the grant award agreement and the City Manager to implement the Weed and Seed projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$200,000

Funding Source: United States Department of Justice/Executive Office for Weed and Seed, Community Services Block Grant 2006-07 Operating Budget, Page 314, SPO027 CDD049900.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On behalf of the City of Des Moines, the Housing Services Department submitted an application to the United States Department of Justice, Executive Office for Weed and Seed for Operation Weed and Seed funding which provides a comprehensive and integrated multi-agency approach to addressing violent crime, drug abuse and deteriorating social and economic opportunities in low-income neighborhoods.

Allocations from this grant will be used for programs such as: overtime for NBSD and Vice/Narcotics officers, graffiti removal, teen tutoring and teen health/fitness at the primary Safe Haven (Grubb YMCA), as well as a special emphasis project (contractor to be determined) which would go through an RFP (Request for Proposal) process.

Funds will also be used to supplement other funding sources in a coordinated manner that results in the most cost-effective use of all available resources. The City of Des Moines will manage all contracts and will be the fiscal agent for all Weed and Seed funding.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

Date:

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Action:

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: March 28, 2006.

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Weed and Seed Steering Committee recommended application approval.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE