



# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date 06/04/2007

Agenda Item No. 44  
Roll Call No. 07-  
Communication No. 07-310  
Submitted by: Dale Patch, Acting Police Chief

## AGENDA HEADING:

2007 COPS Secure Our Schools Grant Application

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the grant application through the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) office, 2007 COPS Secure Our Schools grant program to request funding which would bring state of the art security systems to Des Moines schools. The systems would include card entry readers, exterior security lighting, motion detection, security cameras and double cylinder locks.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

This project is estimated to cost \$500,000. This grant will fund up to 50% of the total cost to implement the program and the Des Moines Independent School District has agreed to provide the remaining 50% with the Police Department responsible for the administration of the grant. The grant is for a two-year period.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Police Department was invited to submit an application for the 2007 Secure Our Schools grant program administered by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), U.S. Department of Justice. Funding under this program will allow recipients the opportunity to establish a variety of school safety equipment and/or programs to encourage the continuation of school safety efforts within their communities.

In discussions with representatives of the Des Moines Independent School District, a decision was made to move forward with a request for grant funds. The School District agrees to provide the cash match required for this grant and the Police Department agrees to administer the grant.

The Des Moines Emergency Response/Crisis Management Advisory Council, of which the School District and the Police Department are members, retained the URS Corporation to complete a Physical Security Audit and upon completion identified electronic card readers, exterior security lighting, motion detection system, security cameras and double cylinder locks as priorities in their security/safety assessment. These systems would greatly increase the capacity of the Police Department and the School District to reduce crime and violence in and around various Des Moines Public Schools.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION (S):

Date: June 06, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1409

Action: 2005 COPS Secure Our Schools Grant Application for a surveillance system at Des Moines area high schools. (Council Communication No. 05-317) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**