



**Council
Communication**
Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 40

Roll Call No. 07-

Communication No. 07-470

Submitted by: Judy Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Submitting 2007 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Application – Mounted Police

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of a grant application to Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino to provide for equipment and training for the Police Mounted Patrol Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$ 13,412

Funding Source: FY08 Operating Budget (GE001 POL100125) page 275

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Mounted Patrol provides a visible and approachable supplement to our police services. Their presence offers citizens security and opportunities to maintain a positive relationship with the Police Department. The ability of the Mounted Officer to secure rural areas inaccessible to the squad car is a valuable asset. The officers require specialized training from a certified trainer to perform their police duties efficiently and accurately from horseback. The requested funds will be used to create a new training obstacle course, provide the required specialized training, and purchase equipment such as saddles, pants and boots.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE