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Submitted by: Chief of Police, Judy A.

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AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance to provide funding for the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of a grant application for submission to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, *FY2008 Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program: National Initiatives* to provide funding for the reinstatement of a Crime Free Multi-Housing Program in the city. The project's aim is to reduce criminal activity and incidents of violent crime in multi-unit residential housing through landlord and tenant education, improving security and environmental design of housing units, and organizing neighborhood watch programs within multi-housing complexes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

<u>Amount:</u> \$25,873. A 25% in-kind match of \$8,624.33 will be provided by the Police Department to support this funding request.

<u>Funding Source:</u> U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance deposited to the FY09 Operating Budget, Police Department Special Revenue Funds – SP751, Page 284.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The grant application is requesting funds for supplies and overtime to jump start the newly implemented Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. The program has three phases: Management/Landlord Training, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), and Tenant Training. Landlord training covers property appearance and upkeep, applicant screening, rental agreements, the eviction process, spotting illegal activity and how to work with the police. Crime Prevention through Environmental Design entails on-site inspections and assesses the property's security strengths and weaknesses. Tenant training brings neighbors together to learn about crime prevention and encourages active involvement and cooperation with their landlord and police. It is anticipated the grant period will be from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. Grant proceeds will be used to fund the following:

Personnel (Overtime) \$17,193.60 Travel \$1,731.00 Supplies \$1,034.40 Other Costs \$5,914.00 \$25,873.00

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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