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Agenda Item No. 36

Roll Call No. 08-

Communication No. 08-488

Submitted by: **Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police**

AGENDA HEADING:

Submitting 2008 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Application.

SYNOPSIS:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$ 8,000

Funding Source: FY09 Operating Budget (GE001 POL100125) page 270. No local match is required.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Mounted Patrol provides a visible and approachable supplement to our community policing services. Their presence offers citizens security and opportunities to maintain a positive relationship with the Police Department. The ability of the Mounted Patrol to secure rural areas inaccessible to a traditional police squad car is a valuable asset. The officers require specialized training and equipment to perform their duties efficiently and effectively from horseback. The requested funds will be used to acquire the necessary training and equipment.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION (S):

Date: August 6, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-1529

Action: 2007 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Application for equipment and training for the Mounted Police Patrol. (Council Communication No. 07-470) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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