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Agenda Item No.	36
Roll Call No.	<u>09-</u>
Communication No.	<u>09-264</u>
Submitted by:	Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

2009 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Secure Our Schools Grant Application

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the 2009 COPS Secure Our Schools Grant Application. The City of Des Moines, with the assistance of the Des Moines Independent Community School District is filing a grant application through the Department of Justice, COPS office, 2009 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:

Amount: This project is estimated to cost \$495,750. The grant will fund up to 50% of the total cost to implement the program. The School District has agreed to provide the rest of the funding with the Police Department responsible for the administration of the grant. The grant is for a two-year period from 09/01/2009 through 08/31/2011.

Funding Source: FY09-10 Operating Budget, SP751, POL981503, Page 252.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Police Department has submitted applications and received funding for the 2005, 2007, and 2008 Secure Our Schools grant program administered by 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 2009 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 09, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1012

Action: 2008 COPS Secure Our Schools Grant Application. (Council Communication No. 08-315)
Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: June 04, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-1087

Action: 2007 COPS Secure Our Schools Grant Application. (Council Communication No. 07-310) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

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