

 Council Communication Office of the City Manager	Date	August 10, 2009
	Agenda Item No. 40 Roll Call No. <u>09-</u> Communication No. <u>09-569</u> Submitted by: Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police	

AGENDA HEADING:

Submitting 2009 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Application.

SYNOPSIS:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$14,400

Funding Source: Recommended Budget June 30, 2010, GE001, POL100125, page 238.
No local match is required. This is a twelve month grant beginning January 1, 2010 and closing December 31, 2010

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Mounted Patrol Unit which began in 1998, uses high visibility to provide citizens a sense of personal safety especially in areas where a vehicle would not be able to travel. The police officers receive specialized training every year to update and maintain special skills of law enforcement from horseback. The officers have the advantage of being elevated to observe activities in crowded areas and the citizens have the marked advantage of being able to locate an officer easily. Citizens of all ages are attracted to the horses thus giving citizens and officers the opportunity to form and maintain positive relationships within the community. The requested funds will ensure the officers receive the specialized training and equipment, boots, and pants needed to perform these special duties. Also requested are funds for coloring books to be handed out at neighborhood and special events to promote a positive relation between the Police Department and the community

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 11, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1442

Action: Grant application with Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino for training, equipment and a historical display case to be placed in the Police Museum for the Police Mounted Patrol Unit. (Council Communication No. 08-488) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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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