



# Council Communication

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## AGENDA HEADING:

Accepting State of Iowa Office of Energy Independence (OEI) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding in the amount of \$83,225, approving grant contract for same, approving assignment and assumption agreement for said grant to the Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA), and authorizing the Mayor to execute such agreements.

## SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA) applied for EECBG funding and was awarded a grant. The grant is for the purchase and installation of the Continuous Commissioning Controls at the WRA facility. The EECBG program requires a match of 50% of the total project. The total project cost is \$ 166,450, with the match being \$83,225.

EECBG grants can only be awarded to units of local governments such as cities, counties and their equivalent. The OEI requires that the grant go to the City and that the City execute the grant contract. Therefore it is necessary to assign the contract to the WRA. The WRA recently approved a Resolution authorizing the WRA Director to enter into an agreement with the City in which the WRA agrees to comply with the terms of the grant contract. The WRA has authorized execution of an agreement that includes the WRA accepting the responsibility of the City for all violations of the grant requirements by the WRA and authorizing the Director to administer the funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant.

The WRA will be solely responsible for providing the \$83,225 in matching funds for the project.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$83,225

Funding Source: Des Moines Wastewater Reclamation Authority Capital Improvement Program

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The purpose of the Iowa EECBG program is to provide funding, via a competitive grant process, to assist local governments in creating and implementing strategies to: 1) Reduce fossil emissions in a manner that is environmentally sustainable, and to the maximum extent practicable, maximize benefits for local and regional communities, 2) Reduce total energy use of the eligible entities, 3) Improve energy efficiency in the building, transportation and other appropriate sectors, and 4) Create and retain jobs.

The grant funds are awarded with a 50% match requirement. The WRA will be responsible for providing the matching funds requirements for the project. It is estimated the projects will be completed by December 31, 2010.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Approve purchases associated with the grant projects.

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