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	Agenda Item No. 30 Roll Call No. <u>10-1288</u> Communication No. <u>10-480</u> Submitted by: Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Submitting 2010 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: \$12,000

Funding Source: GE001, POL100125, Recommended Budget June 30, 2011, page 241
 No local match is required. This is a twelve month grant beginning January 1, 2011 and closing December 31, 2011.

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. The cost of veterinary services required for special events is requested. Also requested are funds for a display cabinet in the Police Museum and 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 10, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1454

Action: [Submittal](#) of \$14,400 grant application to Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino to expand and maintain operations of Police Mounted Patrol Program. ([Council Communication No. 09-569](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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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