



Council Communication

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Date:	May 23, 2011
Agenda Item No.	38
Roll Call No.	<u>11-901</u>
Communication No.	<u>11-321</u>
Submitted by:	Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

2011 COPS Secure Our Schools Grant Application

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the 2011 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, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) office, 2011 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, security cameras and double cylinder locks.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: This project is estimated to cost \$600,000. 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 09/01/2011 through 08/30/2013.

Funding Source: Will be added upon award and approval to the 2011-2012 Operating Budget, Special Revenue Funds, SP751 POL981504, Page 249.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Police Department has submitted applications in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 Secure Our Schools grant program administered by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), U.S. Department of Justice. Funds were granted in 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2010 and allowed 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 2011 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: October 25, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-1743](#)

Action: Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office, 2010 COPS Secure Our Schools grant award to bring state-of-the-art security systems to Des Moines schools. ([Council Communication No. 10-646](#)) **Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: May 4, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-746](#)

Action: Department of Justice, 2009 COPS Secure Our Schools Grant Award to bring state-of-the-art security systems to Des Moines schools. ([Council Communication No. 09-264](#)) **Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: June 4, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-1087](#)

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

Date: June 6, 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 Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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