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	Agenda Item No. 37 Roll Call No. <u>11-1463</u> Communication No. <u>11-578</u> Submitted by: Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Submitting 2011 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Application.

SYNOPSIS:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$10,500

Funding Source: GE001 POL100125, Recommended Budget June 30, 2012, page 235. No local match is required for this twelve month grant with dates of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Mounted Patrol Unit of the Police Department employs high visibility to provide citizens with a sense of personal safety, particularly in areas where vehicle transportation wouldn't be practical. The officer is able to survey a crowded area from an elevated advantage point to observe any possible issues. Citizens are offered the advantage of being able to locate an officer quickly if assistance is necessary. Training for the officers to execute law enforcement procedures from horseback is conducted on a regular basis throughout the year, however; specialized training is attended once a year to update and maintain these skills. The horses are popular with citizens of all ages and encourage positive communication between the officer and the community.

The funding requested would ensure the specialized training, equipment, and safety gear needed for this style of law enforcement. Funding is being requested to immunize the horses for public exposure and travel expenses for the officers and their horses to events.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 9, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-1288

Action: [Grant](#) Application to Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino to provide specialized training and equipment for the Police Mounted Patrol Program, \$12,000. ([Council Communication No. 10-480](#)) **Moved by Moore to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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.**

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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