



Council Communication

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Date:	December 19, 2011
Agenda Item No.	34
Roll Call No.	<u>11-2134</u>
Communication No.	<u>11-749</u>
Submitted by:	Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of FFY 2008 Homeland Security Reallocation Grant Agreement for Iowa's Bomb Squad Task Force.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the FFY 2008 Homeland Security Reallocation Grant Agreement. The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director has requested the City of Des Moines to serve as the fiscal agent and authorized representative for the administration of Iowa's FFY 2008 Homeland Security Reallocation Grant Program funds on behalf of Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$326,400

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Grant Programs Directorate, FFY 2008 Homeland Security Reallocation Grant Program; Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force, with the City of Des Moines to share in the receipt of purchased equipment with the other task force members. There is no local match required for the grant. City of Des Moines operating budget being:

FY2008 Homeland Security Grant Program Reallocation, SP751, POL985308, page 249, FY2012 Adopted Operating Budget

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This project reallocation is funded under existing Explosive Ordnance Disposal investment and will enable the Des Moines Police Department to obtain Thermo Scientific TruDefender FT spectrometers on behalf of Iowa's Task Force Program. One TruDefender FT Rugged Handheld FTIR Chemical Identification System valued at \$47,500 will be retained by the City of Des Moines Bomb Squad. The seven (7) remaining TruDefender FT Rugged Handheld FTIR Chemical Identification Systems will be distributed to the other EOD task force teams.

Funding further enables training in operations, maintenance and deployment training related to the use of this spectrometer, as well as techniques used in conjunction with the existing First Defender RM's and HAZMAT IQ techniques currently being deployed with each team.

The intended outcome is distribution of functional systems statewide to professionally trained

technicians distributed across the State of Iowa capable of detecting, characterizing, and identifying explosives, chemicals, and precursors used in the clandestine manufacture and deployment of chemical and explosive weapons. The system enhances existing equipment and training currently in use by specialty teams. Addition of the equipment will also enhance existing capabilities and provide a wider capability of identification than currently available to teams.

The Police Department will coordinate purchases with the City's Finance Department in accordance with the City of Des Moines Purchasing policies. The City of Des Moines will procure the equipment for all of Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) teams.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 14, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-0230

Action: [Sub-Grantee](#) Agreements to administer FFY 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds from Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division for Iowa's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and Iowa's Weapons of Mass Destruction Tactical Officer's (SWAT) Task Force Programs to upgrade the Andros F6A robot platform drive systems. ([Council Communication No. 11-076](#)) **Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: August 9, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-1284

Action: [Sub-Grantee](#) Agreements to administer FFY2009 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds from Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division. ([Council Communication No. 10-494](#)) **Moved by Moore to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: October 26, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1938

Action: [Sub-Grantee](#) Agreements to administer FFY 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds from Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division. ([Council Communication No. 09-759](#)) **Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Approval for purchase of Thermo Scientific TruDefender FT spectrometers on behalf of Iowa's Task Force Program. The Police Department will receive, inventory and hand receipt equipment items back to the respective task force teams and submit documentation and report actions to Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Finance Department to facilitate payment of the vendor and support grant audit requirements.

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