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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>23</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>12-1422</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>12-494</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval to submit a grant application for the Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant on behalf of the Police Department's Mounted Patrol unit.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of a grant application to Prairie Meadows Race Track and Casino; Community Betterment Grant program for support of the Mounted Patrol unit of the Des Moines Police Department. This unit consists of volunteer officers who utilize their personal horses for public relation, crowd control, and law enforcement situations.

This grant has a twelve (12) month term: January 1, 2013 through December 2013

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$10,500

Funding Source: GE001 POL100125, Operating Budget June 2013 page 211

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Mounted Patrol unit has the ability to maneuver through crowds and over terrain that a vehicle could not reach. With the advantage of the elevation, the officer can clearly see a situation and citizen can easily locate an officer should the need arise. The horses and officers are specially trained to execute law enforcement techniques from horseback. The horses attract attention from citizens of all ages and offer opportunities for the officers and the public to strengthen their relationship within our community.

The requested funding will ensure the Mounted Patrol receives training to maintain skills, assist with necessary medical attention for the horses to be in crowds, the printing of public relations items, purchase necessary equipment and pay the officers mileage to assist with the cost of fuel to transport the horses to various event throughout the year.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: August 29, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1463](#)

Action: Submittal of grant application to Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino for funding of the Police Mounted Patrol, \$10,500. ([Council Communication No. 11-578](#)). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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