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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 26 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>13-0559</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>13-166</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> <b>Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval for additional Homeland Security 2010 grant funds to purchase robotic system digital controls for use with the main bomb robot, and approval to allow the Chief of Police to sign any further amendments to the 2010 Homeland Security Grant Reallocation of funds as proxy for the Mayor.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The State of Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (IHSEMD) representative notified the statewide Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and Weapons of Mass Destruction Tactical Officer’s (WMD/SWAT) task forces of available funding that is remaining from the 2010 Federal Homeland Security grant. These funds must be utilized by the EOD and WMD/SWAT teams to purchase specific equipment to sustain the state’s homeland security initiative. Each individual city entity was requested to submit separate requests for single items of equipment. The approval process would depend on the standing of the city entity with the state grant program and whether or not the equipment was for sustainment purposes. No new projects would be entertained. The stipulation was that the equipment be purchased and the funding encumbered no later than June 30, 2013. The Des Moines Police Bomb Squad and WMD/SWAT teams submitted several requests for different pieces of equipment. At this time only one item has received approval and requires the Mayor’s signature to accept the increase in 2010 EOD Homeland Security Grant funding.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$54,740.00

Funding Source: The Homeland Security Reallocated of the 2010 EOD Grant funding SP751 POL985309 would be included in the Recommended Budget Detail FY13-14 page 229

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

IHLMS identified a funding opportunity available to individual agencies for the support or enhancement of existing specialty team operations. These funds were originally earmarked for approved specialty teams under the FY 2010 grant awards throughout the State of Iowa. The funds were intended to be distributed between multiple projects previously approved through the statewide process.

Several of the previously approved programs have not been able to expend their grant funds in a timely manner and have notified the IHLSM that they will not be able to utilize the funding as they originally intended. The City of Des Moines was not one of these programs. The IHLSM then offered application opportunities for these funds to agencies that have already exhausted or will exhaust their funding by the end of the grant period. The Des Moines Police Department made several applications for equipment that needs to be upgraded or replaced due to functionality. At this time we have only been approved for this singular purchase, however; we are aware that the review process is still in progress for the other requests. The items being purchased must be reviewed and approved as they relate to the State of Iowa's Homeland Security Initiative and must enhance the original 2010 grant scope of work. This purchase of the robotic system digital control upgrade supports this mandate.

The difficulty with the stipulation of the additional funding is the short time period imposed by the IHLSM in which we are allowed to make the additional purchase(s). The equipment must be ordered with a purchase order and the funds encumbered prior to the 30 of June 2013. The majority of the equipment requested will exceed the \$25,000.00 threshold.

**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.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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