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	Agenda Item No.	28
	Roll Call No.	<u>13-1490</u>
	Communication No.	<u>13-477</u>
	Submitted by:	Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Submission of the 2013 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Application.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of a grant application to Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino to provide specialized training and equipment for the Police Mounted Patrol Unit.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$10,026.00

Funding Source: G001, PD220355, Recommended Budget June 30, 2014, page 225. No local match is required. This is a 12-month grant beginning March 1, 2014 and closing March 31, 2015.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Mounted Patrol Unit, which began in 1998, uses high elevation of an officer on horseback to provide citizens a sense of personal safety especially in areas where a vehicle would not be able to travel. The police officers receive specialized training every year to update and maintain special skills of law enforcement from horseback. The officers have the advantage of being elevated to observe activities in crowded areas and the citizens have the marked advantage of being able to locate an officer easily. Citizens of all ages are attracted to the horses thus giving citizens and officers the opportunity to form and maintain positive relationships within the community.

The requested funds will allow the Mounted Patrol officers and their horses to attend training with the Kentucky Mounted Patrol and the Canadian Mounted Patrol. This week long training will be held in Kentucky and will require travel and accommodation expenses. This training is more extensive and will provide new techniques and approaches to law enforcement from horseback.

The grant would also supply funding for the purchase of a vaccine recommended by veterinarians for horses that are exposed to a large number of people as well as other equipment specific to riding a horse. The Mounted Patrol is a volunteer unit where the officers must supply their own horse; however, the unit needs various items such as specific saddles, reins, and bridles to maintain the uniform appearance of the unit. The officers themselves must order riding breeches that resemble the authorized uniform of the patrol officers. The officers wear extra long rain coats which are designed to cover the rider and the saddle to prevent the leather saddle from getting wet and possibly injuring the horse's back.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 10, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1422](#)

Action: [Grant](#) application to Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino to fund activities of the Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit, \$10,500. ([Council Communication No. 12-494](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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