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	Agenda Item No.	23
	Roll Call No.	<u>15-0747</u>
	Communication No.	<u>15-219</u>
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Acceptance of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 Homeland Security Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) grant in the amount of \$403,360. This grant does not require matching funds.

SYNOPSIS:

The City of Des Moines Police Department has received notification of award for the FFY2013 Homeland Security WMD SWAT Grant program. The Police Department will serve as the financial administrator of the grant funds which will be utilized to purchase equipment for the six (6) certified WMD SWAT teams statewide. The approved equipment purchases are chemical detection equipment and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$403,360.00

Funding Source: HSS00013 – Police Special Revenues, Page 211 of the Recommended Budget Department Detail, Fiscal Year (FY) ending June 30, 2016

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines resumed the financial responsibility for the Homeland Security grants from Cedar Rapids in 2014. City Council approved the acceptance of the FFY2014 WMD SWAT Homeland Security Grant at the meeting on September 29, 2014 in the amount of \$233,922. In April of 2015, the State of Iowa grant management office informed the Police Department that there was funding available in the WMD SWAT Homeland Security grant and asked if the equipment already approved in the FFY2014 grant could be purchased utilizing the FFY2013 funds.

In order to accommodate the State’s request, the City had to create an application for the funding which was submitted on April 27, 2015. The application was approved on April 28, 2015 by the director of the State Grant Administration office. This funding carried a very short deadline. The equipment must be purchased prior to June 30, 2015. Through conversations with the City Procurement Supervisor, the Police Department is confident that this deadline can be met.

By accommodating the state's request to utilize the FFY2013 funding, the amount of funding available to purchase equipment for the statewide WMD SWAT teams increased from \$233,922 to \$403,360. The FFY 2014 funding, designated to purchase this equipment, will be used to purchase mission critical equipment identified by the WMD SWAT Task Force Leadership Committee after the completion of a current needs assessment review.

The Homeland Security WMD SWAT grants carry restrictive guidelines pertaining to what can be purchased with the grant funding. The equipment purchased must assist all six (6) certified teams statewide. The items purchased with the grant funding are prioritized by the WMD SWAT Task Force Leadership Committee through a needs assessment review and authorized by the Homeland Security representative to ensure the equipment meets the Federal Homeland Security approved guidelines.

These grants have historically provided critical equipment for the statewide teams. The equipment purchased has enabled the team to operate more efficiently and effectively while remaining compliant with national requirements for federal certification.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 29, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-1533](#)

Action: [Acceptance](#) of the 2014 Homeland Security SWAT (\$233,922) and Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) Bomb (\$425,150) Grants. ([Council Communication No. 14-474](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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