


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-410	Meeting:	September 23, 2019
	Agenda Item:	41	Roll Call:	19-1509
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Recommend approval to submit an application with the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) for the replacement of explosive device disarmament robots for two (2) of the eight (8) statewide teams.

SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Police Department recommends approval of the application for funding through the 2019 Homeland Security Grant program as a subaward from the Iowa HSEMD. The funding would be utilized to replace the current remote operated robot, designed to disarm large explosive devices, for two (2) of the statewide accredited Explosive Ordinance Detection (EOD) teams.

The City of Des Moines serves as the grant coordinator and financial manager at the request of the Iowa HSEMD for the eight (8) statewide EOD bomb teams. The current bomb disarmament robots used teams will reach the end of serviceable life by the close of the 2019 calendar year. The replacement of the remaining six (6) robots will be phased-in as funding becomes available.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$881,449 - there is no match to this grant or cost to the City

Funding Source: Recommended Operating Budget, Department Detail for Fiscal Year 2020 Page 211

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The robot enables bomb technicians to examine, analyze and disarm explosive devices from a safe remote location. It is controlled through a closed-circuit communications system with cameras.
- The robots currently used by the eight (8) statewide EOD teams were purchased in 2010 through the Homeland Security Grant program and met the standard requirements set by the National Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board at that time.
- The robots for the eight (8) statewide teams will be replaced in increments of two (2) or three (3) depending on the availability of funds in the Homeland Security Grant program.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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