


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Request acceptance of the 2019 Homeland Security grant awards for Weapons of Mass Destruction /SWAT Taskforce and the Explosive Ordnance Detection Task Force.

SYNOPSIS:

The City of Des Moines Police Department has received Notification of Award, from the State of Iowa, for the 2019 Homeland Security grants to support the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/SWAT task force in the amount of \$107,029 and for the Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) task force in the amount of \$217,169. These funds are to be utilized to purchase specialized equipment for the certified statewide teams. The grant does not require matching funds.

The City serves as the grant coordinator and financial manager at the request of the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department as well as the statewide teams. The grant awards stipulate that each statewide team benefit from the grant funding dependent on their equipment needs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Total \$324,198 (WMD/SWAT \$107,029; EOD \$217,169)

Funding Source: Police Special Revenue section found on page 206 in the Recommended Operating Budget Department Detail for the fiscal year 2020.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City has received Homeland Security grants in support of the WMD/SWAT and the EOD bomb teams in previous years including 2018. The purchases made with this funding must support specific core capabilities related to terrorism preparedness. Each team must receive and maintain certification from the Department of Homeland Security. There are presently six (6) certified WMD/SWAT teams and eight (8) certified bomb teams.

- These teams meet once a month to discuss processes, equipment needs, and training requirements. The equipment is reviewed for functionality, dependability and sustainability. Training is required to ensure all members are current and up to date to accept all Homeland Security mandates in order for the teams to remain certified. Any equipment or training needs are listed in order of priority by the statewide team members to ensure immediate needs are included in the application for funding. The list of needed equipment and training is then reviewed by the State of Iowa Homeland Security Coordinator to ensure the listed needs agree with a very specific list of approved equipment and training provided by the Federal Homeland Security Bureau. Once the list receives approval, the items are presented to a governance committee for further review and approval. These processes are completed prior to applying for grant funding.
- These grants provide critical equipment and training for the statewide teams to remain prepared to support federal initiatives and maintain statewide response to terrorism, explosive devices and general public safety. The purchased equipment and training will allow these teams to maintain their efficient effectiveness while remaining compliant with national requirements for federal certification.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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