


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	<b>29</b>	Roll Call:	<b>20-0241</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Scott E. Sanders, City Manager</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Grant to Des Moines Skywalk Association for implementation of enhanced safety and security, \$25,000.

### SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approving the funding for \$25,000 grant to the Des Moines Skywalk Association for installation of security cameras in five (5) locations in the Skywalk.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$25,000 grant to Des Moines Skywalk Association

Funding Source: General fund

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- As a result of recent events, the Des Moines Skywalk Association is moving forward to enhance safety and security in the Des Moines Skywalk System. The initial effort is to install five (5) camera/sensing pods at strategic locations in the Skywalk's corridors. The exact locations are being identified by the Skywalk Association's security contractor in coordination with the Des Moines Police Department as well as the contractor that will be installing the equipment. Each pod will include a box with four (4) cameras, a 2-way speaker, two (2) TV monitors, and two (2) heat detection sensors. These pods will convey data and images through fiber optic lines back to a server under the control of the Skywalk Association Board.
- This is a collaborative effort with Operation Downtown contributing \$125,000, Polk County and the City both contributing \$25,000. The Skywalk Association will pay the ongoing maintenance and communications cost of \$700 per month.
- This funding amount is above and beyond the annual assessment that the City of Des Moines pays to the Skywalk Association as a member organization.
- Improved security of the skywalk system is a benefit to the City residents, businesses, and visitors.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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