


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>21-237</b>	Meeting:	<b>May 24, 2021</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>38B</b>	Roll Call:	<b>21-0793</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Dana Wingert, Chief of Police</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to purchase anti-vehicle barriers, hauler and transport trailer from Meridian Rapid Defense Group (177 E Colorado Boulevard, Suite 200, Pasadena, CA 91105, Bill Fields CFO), under GSA contract 47QSWA19D001F. This purchase is funded through the 2018 Homeland Security Supplemental grant award.

### SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department applied and was awarded a 2018 Homeland Security Supplemental Grant to procure 10 sets for vehicle barriers with transportation equipment. These barriers are intended to be used to support public safety at large outdoor events such as the downtown Farmer's Market. The barriers will be placed across the street to prevent vehicles from driving through crowded areas. The added security will reduce injuries to pedestrians and increase the visibility of the street closures for events. The barriers are available for purchase under a GSA contract from Meridian Rapid Defense Group.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$92,777.77

Funding Source: City of Des Moines Adopted Operating Budget FY2022, Department Detail page 199

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Police Department applied for funding through the 2018 Homeland Security Supplemental Grant program for the purchase of large street closure barriers. These barriers are highly visible and are designed to deny vehicles access to a set area. The barriers will be used to enhance public safety during large public events when the location involves the temporary closure of streets. The barriers will also be deployed to protect a structure that is located close to a street or vehicle access. The barriers are designed for rapid deployment using the hauler and are easy to configure in a multitude of patterns making them versatile. They can stand alone or connect to create a larger barricaded area. In the event of a collision into the barriers, the barriers are reusable immediately after the impact and are less lethal to the driver due to the minimization of shrapnel spray.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: May 10, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-0708](#)

Action: [Acceptance](#) of 2018 Homeland Security Supplemental Grant Award on behalf of the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/SWAT Task Force and Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) Task Force. ([Council Communication No. 21-191](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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