

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-249	Meeting:	July 13, 2026
	Agenda Item:	27	Roll Call:	26-0836
	Submitted by:	Mike McTaggart, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to accept the 2026 Prairie Meadow's Legacy Grant award in the amount of \$322,150.

SYNOPSIS:

The City of Des Moines, Police Department applied and has received a grant award in the amount of \$322,150. This funding has been awarded to support improvements to the Police Academy firing range and expanding the security system to include service at the former South YMCA building which is now designated to support police training service. These improvements are essential to support police preparedness to meet new state mandates, support a more functional firing range and prevent unlawful entry into the additional Police Academy Training building.

FISCAL IMPACT: Yes

Amount: \$322,150

Funding Source: Special Revenues and Other Funding printed page 190 of the FY2027 Recommended Operating Budget

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City of Des Moines Police Department submitted a written application in February 2026 which was reviewed by the Prairie Meadows grant committee. The application met the committee's requirements and was allowed to proceed to the next stage of the approval process. The department received a request from the Prairie Meadows grant review board to give an oral presentation in May 2026 to elaborate on the proposed project in the application. Chief McTaggart narrated the presentation and was able to expand on the concepts presented in the application and answer any questions the committee had about the application, project or requested funding. The award declaration and agreement were received on June 25, 2026, with a requested response date of August 11.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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