COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CITY OF DES MOINES CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	Number:	**26-278**	Meeting:	**August 3, 2026**
	Agenda Item:	**38**	Roll Call:	**26-0903**
	Submitted by:	**Mike McTaggart, Chief of Police**		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to apply for funding through the FY2026 Invited to Apply – National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program available through the Department of Justice and acceptance of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Des Moines and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Police Department recommends approval to apply for funding through the 2026 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. The funding will be utilized to replace the NIBIN ballistic comparison equipment used by law enforcement agencies nationwide. A requirement of the application process is the submittal of an accepted Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Des Moines Police Department and the ATF which allows access to retrieve and add ballistic data.to the nationwide network.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: $300,000

Funding Source: FY27 Recommended Operating Budget, Department Detail, for Fiscal Year 2027 Page 190 of the printed document.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In 2021the DMPD received NIBIN equipment through the ATF accompanied by a Gun Intelligence Specialist that manages the equipment and the network. He works closely with City of Des Moines Crime Scene Investigators to add ballistic information to the network. This equipment is essential to investigating gun violence.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

- Future acceptance of an award.

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