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January 28, 2008

Date

APPROVAL OF PRAIRIE MEADOWS 2007 COMMUNITY BETTERMENT GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department is charged with the care of the grounds of the municipal cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, numerous headstones in the Woodland Municipal Cemetery are in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department submitted an application to Prairie Meadows or a grant to perform such repairs at Woodland Municipal cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Prairie Meadows has awarded the City of Des Moines a 2007 Community Betterment Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Park and Recreation Department's Woodland Cemetery restoration program; and

WHEREAS, Prairie Meadows has presented a grant agreement, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office, for execution prior to receipt of the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, under such grant agreement, the Park and Recreation Department will provide a written report on the use of the grant funds to Prairie Meadows; and.

WHEREAS, such grant will assist the Park and Recreation Department Cemetery staff in providing enhanced maintenance services at Woodland Municipal Cemetery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the grant agreement between the City of Des Moines and Prairie Meadows, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office, is hereby approved and the Park and Recreation Director is hereby authorized and directed to sign said agreement on behalf of the City and the City Clerk is hereby directed to attest to said signature.

(Council Communication No. 08-045)

Moved by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato
Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

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COWNIE				
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MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk



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**2007 Prairie Meadows
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December 31, 2007

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Marlene Anderson
City of Des Moines - Parks & Recreation Department
3226 University Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50311

Dear Marlene:

The Prairie Meadows Grant Advisory Committee is pleased to inform you that our board of directors has approved a grant award to the City of Des Moines - Parks & Recreation Department in the amount of \$3,000. The Grant Advisory Committee and our board are delighted to help further the goals of your organization with this funding.

As a selected 2007 Community Betterment Grant recipient, your organization is required to complete the following documents, which are enclosed, and return a copy to Prairie Meadows:

1. Grant Agreement Form – Please review this form, sign and date.
2. Grant Recognition Plan – Describe in detail your organization's plan to recognize the grant award you have received from Prairie Meadows.
3. Grant Evaluation Report – To be completed once your proposed project is completed. Please address every question asked and include a financial statement showing the overall program budget and how the grant award from Prairie Meadows was utilized.

Please return the Grant Agreement Form and Grant Recognition Plan to Prairie Meadows by January 15, 2008. The Grant Evaluation Form is due by November 15, 2008; a reminder will be sent to your organization in mid-July.

**2007 Grant Advisory
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Enclosed you will also find an invitation to the 2007 Grant Award Luncheon which is scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 2008, at The Meadows Events and Conference Center. We invite you and three representatives from your organization to join us for the luncheon beginning at noon. We have also scheduled a photo opportunity for your organization that day at 10:55am in the Polk County Room, which is located at the south end of The Meadows Events and Conference Center.

Again, we are pleased to be able to provide your organization with \$3,000 to help carry out your mission and to assist in making the state of Iowa a better place for all residents. We look forward to seeing you on January 31. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Gina Rooney, Community Relations Administrator, at 515-967-8630 or gina.rooney@prairiemeadows.com.

All our best wishes for a very happy and successful New Year!

Sincerely,

Perry Chapin
Grant Advisory Committee Chair
Board of Directors

Julie Stewart
Director of Community Relations