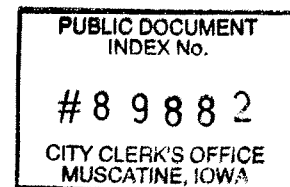


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To: A.J. Johnson, City Administrator

From: Gary R. Coderoni, Chief of Police

Subject: Request Council Approval to apply for a Homeland Security Grant (equipment)

The police department is requesting council approval to apply for an equipment grant. Currently the Department of Homeland Security is taking grant applications for equipment that is available to enhance communications. I have spoken with Jeff Carter, the Emergency Management Coordinator who is involved with the DHS grants and their availability. He has suggested that we complete an on-line application asking for an ICRI (Incident Commanders Radio Interface). This piece of equipment is designed to integrate up to five different radio frequencies, digital or analog and one cell phone to create talk groups or place all radios on one talk group during a critical incident. An ICRI provides a highly effective interoperability solution which would allow our agency to transport the unit into the field during a critical incident, and configure it, using portable radios from other agencies to enable all of the agencies to communicate with each other, regardless of their frequency or mode. The normal cost for this piece of equipment is about \$4000.00.

The grant does not require any match from the city, and the equipment received is new and not used. The City will be responsible for the maintenance of the equipment (ICRI) after the five year warranty period. We expect the maintenance costs to be minimal because of the infrequent (hopefully) need for it to be activated and used in critical multi-agency response situations.

If council agrees with our intent to apply for the ICRI equipment grant we will immediately begin the on-line application process which must be completed prior to September 22, 2006.