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City Manager's Office

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Steven L. Schainker, City Manager

DATE: October 31, 2008

SUBJECT: AMOS Funding Request

On October 28, 2008, the City Council referred a request from the Environmental Research Team of A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS) to utilize the remaining budget funds from its public education forum regarding global warming. The coordinators of this event have reported that \$1,439 remain from the \$5,000 approved by the Council. The group would like to utilize these remaining funds to print additional action guides and purchase other materials for a possible follow-up workshop.

The AMOS committee should be complimented for their hard work in planning the successful "Ames, Be Cool" event. They were very conscientious with the funds that were appropriated for this activity. Therefore, I am confident that the remaining funds will be put to good use and will be in keeping with your Cool Cities initiative.

821 Tennyson Avenue
Ames, IA 50014
October 24, 2008

Mayor Ann Campbell
Members of Ames City Council
515 Clark Avenue
Ames, IA 50010

Madam Mayor and Councilmen:

On May 27, 2008 you approved \$5,000 for a forum designed to teach the public about global warming. According to our calculations the forum called "Ames, Be Cool", which was held September 27, cost the city \$3,563.01.

On behalf of the Environmental Research Team of A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy we request permission to spend some of the remaining \$1,436.99 to follow up the forum.

Of pressing need right now are more copies of *Ames, Be Cool Action Guide*. These guides were written for people attending the forum with the hope of making many more available to city residents. Current requests exceed the supply on hand. (Each guide costs about \$.90.)

Written evaluations of the event and oral comments indicate that it would be wise to continue our efforts to help residents spread the word about climate change and what can be done. In trying to help people network, we might incur small costs which we can't foresee right now.

We appreciate your encouragement and hope we can help the residents of Ames.

Sincerely,

Allan and Mary Jean Baker
Coordinators
AMOS Environmental Research Team