



June 16, 2008

Richard Neri, Chairman
IOWAccess Advisory Council
24215 195th Street
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Dear Mr. Chairman;

After reviewing the project funding recommendations from the May 7, 2008 meeting, I have reluctantly decided to not accept those recommendations. I am asking that the council reconsider the prioritization of the projects at the council's earliest convenience.

Concerns have been raised in several areas about the equitable distribution of funding for a number of funds managed by DAS. In response to those concerns I requested a review of IOWAccess funding, broken out by recipient agency. I was surprised to learn that over the last 3 fiscal years one agency has received more than 25% of the total funds awarded. By comparison, the second ranking recipient accounted for just over 8% of the funds awarded.

A great number of deserving projects have been funded by the council during its tenure. However, we all realize that the resources of the IOWAccess fund are finite. Every project can not be funded and in saying yes to one project we are now forced to say no to others. As responsible stewards, we must look at how best to allocate these resources so that all agencies can benefit.

As you evaluate projects brought to you, I would ask that consideration be given to the level of IOWAccess funding that the requesting agency has previously received. Further, I would request that you work with the IOWAccess Coordinator, Malcolm Huston, to develop and implement a standard scoring mechanism that will allow a more quantitative ranking of project proposals and better capture the project's impact on the public.

Thank you for your continued service on the council and your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mollie Anderson
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