


**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-056
FEBRUARY 5, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	PREPARED BY:	SUBMITTED BY:
DES MOINES ACTION BOARD (DMAB) STIPEND PAYMENT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	RICHARD J. WRIGHT COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR	 ERIC A. ANDERSON CITY MANAGER

SYNOPSIS —

A recommendation has been prepared regarding reconsideration of the City Council's action to eliminate the monthly stipend for CSTF members.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Each of the 20 CSTF members receive \$30 per month for a total cost of \$7,200 per year in Community Services Block Grant funds.

RECOMMENDATION —

Not to reconsider the City Council's previous action to eliminate the meeting stipend.

BACKGROUND —

On April 17, 1995, by Roll Call No. 95-1473, the City Council voted to approve the recommendations contained in Council Communication Number 95-147. At that time, the Acting City Manager recommended new boundaries for Citizen Service Task Force areas to correspond with the Council wards and new criteria for running for election and voting in the CSTF elections to be held in April 1996. The Council Communication also contained a recommendation that CSTF members no longer receive a monthly meeting stipend. The recommendations were adopted by the City Council on a 4-3 vote (Daniels, Flagg, Hensley, McPherson—yea; Dorrian, Brooks, Vlassis—nay).

At the meeting of November 20, 1995, the City Council approved the recommendations contained in Council Communication Number 95-469 which adopted minor changes in the Community Action Agency Statement of Policy except for the DMAB's recommendation which requested the reinstatement of the stipend for CSTF members who meet the low/moderate income guidelines. The Council deferred action on the stipend issue until the February 5, 1996, City Council meeting.

My recommendation is not to reconsider the Council's previous action to eliminate the stipend. As a result of the City's budget crisis, I do not believe that the required two meetings per month held in or near members' neighborhoods constitutes an economic hardship that justifies the potential expenditure of \$7,200 in Federal CSBG funds for meeting attendance.