

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

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-286
JULY 15, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
1997 CONSOLIDATED PLAN PRIORITIES	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JAMES GRANT, DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

SYNOPSIS —

The needs and priorities for the 1997 Consolidated Plan, as recommended by the Des Moines Action Board (DMAB) and the Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB), have been prepared.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Adoption of the priorities will affect the allocation of 1997 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act, and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of DMAB/NAB recommended priorities, including the Overall Funding Policy as noted below.

BACKGROUND —

On May 20, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-1902, the City Council approved the schedule and procedures for redevelopment of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 1997 Consolidated Plan for allocation of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. This is the second year of a three-year strategic plan for the aforementioned HUD programs.

In approving the 1996 Consolidated Plan priorities, City Council added an Overall Funding Policy as follows:

1. That the Neighborhood Advisory Board, Des Moines Action Board/Citizen Services Task Forces, and City Council consider Polk County, United Way, and other appropriate entities as either operating agencies and/or sources of funding for social services programs.
2. That funding decisions avoid duplication and work toward consolidation of social service programs.
3. That funding decisions emphasize traditional City services, and minimize or eliminate funding for programs that are the responsibility of other entities (e.g., public schools).
4. That proposals from agencies with other funding options be given a lower priority.

In addition to the above funding policy, Council also recommended a City Council subcommittee; DMAB and NAB Chairs, and appropriate City staff, meet with representatives of human services funding agencies, such as United Way, Polk County, and the State, to discuss consolidation, duplication, and similar issues relating to social services programs. Council also noted that submittal of a proposal that addresses a priority does not guarantee funding.

In June, the DMAB and NAB held 11 neighborhood and one citywide hearing to provide an opportunity for neighborhood residents and agency representatives to identify needs in their communities regarding housing, human services, employment, economic development, infrastructure, public facilities, and the homeless.

On July 3, 1996, the NAB received the Joint Committee's recommendations on priorities and adopted them. On July 9, the DMAB also adopted the Committee's recommendations.

Upon City Council approval, these priorities will be forwarded to City departments, public agencies, and nonprofits with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for programs and projects which address one or more of the priorities. Agencies will have until August 8 to apply for funding. The NAB and DMAB will review the proposals from August 17-24, and will finalize their recommendations for City Council review by September 10, 1996. The City Council will then set the date for a public hearing after a 30-day required review period, and finally adopt the 1997 Consolidated Plan on November 4, 1996, for submission to HUD 45 days prior to the start of the City's program year on January 1, 1997. It is vitally important that Council take action on the 1997 Consolidated Priorities at this meeting so that proposal packets can be mailed immediately. As scheduled, proposals are to be returned within a 3-1/2 week period. Council action will initiate the RFP phase of this planning process.