

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-448
OCTOBER 21, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
1996 PUBLIC HOUSING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	WILLIAM WILKINS HOUSING SERVICES DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

An application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide economic development and supportive service activities for public housing residents has been prepared.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The grant application is in the amount of \$942,500 and would be used over a three-year period.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The 1996 Public Housing Economic Development and Supportive Services grant (PHEDSS) application is designed to provide public housing agencies the opportunity to partner with nonprofit agencies for expanded economic development and supportive services for residents of public housing who are attempting to become economically self-sufficient.

The grant request is for \$942,500 which includes funds for:

- Supportive Services—child care assistance and emergency transportation.
- Economic Development Activities—micro-enterprise opportunity, certified nurses training, construction training, insurance sales, and a college grant pool account.
- Case Manager sponsored through DMACC Project Self-Sufficiency Program.
- Administrative Expenses—cost of program monitoring, reporting, accounting, and supplies.

GRANT BUDGET

• Supportive Services	\$ 729,500
• Economic Development	12,000
• Program Salaries	99,000
• Administrative Costs	<u>102,000</u>
Total Funds	\$ 942,500

This grant is designed to assist approximately 127 public housing residents with some degree of training and supportive services. The agency has established collaborative relationships with nonprofit agencies, including

DMACC and HOME, Inc. Program salaries will be made available to several of the collaborative partners for case management and program coordination. It should be noted that the Department of Housing Services will not be hiring any new staff for this grant. Letters of support have been received from Polk County Department of Social Services, Human Service Coordinating Board, and Employee and Family Resources.

On September 25, 1996, the Public Housing Board approved the referral of this grant to the City Council by a 5-0 vote.