

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-344
JUNE 23, 1997 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:

**1997 COMPREHENSIVE
GRANT APPLICATION**

SUBMITTED BY:

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SYNOPSIS –

1997 Comprehensive Grant Application.

FISCAL IMPACT –

Modernization funds in the amount of \$1,053,118.

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval.

BACKGROUND –

The Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency has received annual modernization funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP) since 1992. These funds enable the Department to complete major modernization/renovation projects for the 912 dwelling units, which otherwise could not be undertaken. Projected costs of physical needs, administration costs, and management improvement items are based upon a CGP formula established by HUD. This year that figure amounts to \$1,053,118.

This year the agency is required to submit a *Physical Needs Assessment* in addition to the Annual Statement. Items included in the Physical Needs Assessment are roof replacements, in addition to foundation and driveway repairs. Some of the projects for this year's CGP funds are:

1. Renovation of the Royal View Manor Community Room and Lobby areas;

2. Resurface the East View Manor parking lot and build new handicapped accessible wheelchair ramps;
3. Replace window drapes at South View Manor;
4. Replace roofs at 78 scattered-site houses; and
5. Repair 20 foundation walls.