CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

98-207

AGENDA:
MAY 18, 1998

SUBJECT:
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DES MOINES COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS' INTENT TO PURCHASE 2110 NE 14TH STREET FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

TYPE:
RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

ITEM ____

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS —

On the May 18, 1998 Council agenda is a roll call to approve a modification to the Des Moines Coalition for the Homeless Transitional Housing Program Expansion Project.

FISCAL IMPACT –

This project is utilizing $119,992 in City Home Investments Partnership Act (HOME) funds, accompanied by $199,900 in State of Iowa HOME funds. The City is responsible for the administration of the State's HOME funds. The Greater Des Moines Housing Trust Fund ($78,810), the Iowa Finance Authority ($40,000), and the Des Moines Coalition for the Homeless ($1,000) will contribute the remainder of the funding for the project.

RECOMMENDATION –

Approve modification to expansion project.

BACKGROUND –

On November 17, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-3732, the City Council did conditionally commit $120,000 of HOME rental rehabilitation funds to the Des Moines Coalition for the Homeless Expansion Project. The Coalition proposed expanding their housing stock by eight single-family units.

The Council approved this commitment subject to Council receiving prior notification of proposed housing locations, and such notice provision being made a part of the contracts. This is the first location to be found. No others have been located as of this date.

The Coalition has requested that a modification be made to this proposal. The agency would like to purchase one duplex (2110 NE 14th Street) and six single-family structures for this expansion instead of the eight single-family structures originally proposed.