

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

98-224

SYNOPSIS –

AGENDA:
JUNE 1, 1998

A 1995 Public Housing Drug Elimination Close Out Report has been prepared for your review and is on file with the City Clerk.

SUBJECT:
1995 PUBLIC
HOUSING DRUG
ELIMINATION
GRANT PROGRAM
CLOSE OUT REPORT

FISCAL IMPACT –

N/A

TYPE:
RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION –

Receive and file.

SUBMITTED BY:
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HOUSING SERVICES
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND –

Since 1991, efforts to combat drugs and violent crime in public housing have been funded through the Drug Elimination Program. The Department of Housing Services (DHS) has been implementing the 1995 Public Housing Drug Elimination Grant Program (1995 PHDEP) for over two years. Accomplishments of the 1995 PHDEP include:

- Over 1,031 complaints filed, documented, and resolved. Complaints varied from drug to lease violations. Public housing staff must follow formal procedures for investigating various complaints.
- Total number of evictions increased over 20 percent. Total number of drug related evictions increased over 100 percent.
- Of the 122 drug complaints filed, 88 patrols were activated to address drug problems at public housing units. Patrols helped document nine evictions in 1997. Over 25 arrests were made.

- Eight drug assessments were completed on public housing residents.
- Over 70 public housing residents received direct services regarding concerns with drug and criminal activity within their household.
- A positive and direct drug brochure was created to provide all current and potential residents information about DHS procedures for drugs and criminal activity.
- Over 240 public housing units received security improvements. Further, over 150 residents received information on drug and crime prevention methods within their home and neighborhood.