

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

98-225

SYNOPSIS –

AGENDA:
JUNE 1, 1998

An application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide drug prevention and above baseline patrol activities for public housing residents has been prepared.

SUBJECT:
1998 PUBLIC
HOUSING DRUG
ELIMINATION
GRANT
APPLICATION

FISCAL IMPACT –

TYPE:
RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

The grant application is in the amount of \$214,428 and would be used over a two-year period.

RECOMMENDATION –

SUBMITTED BY:
WILLIAM WILKINS
HOUSING SERVICES
DIRECTOR

Approval.

BACKGROUND –

Since 1991, comprehensive efforts to combat drugs and violent crime in and around public housing units have been funded through Drug Elimination program grants.

A proposed application has been prepared for current funding from HUD that will continue to provide these comprehensive elements. Funding is divided among the following categories: Prevention - \$158,088, Above Base Line Patrols - \$40,000, and Grant Administration/Evaluation - \$16,340.

Specific activities to be funded are: Two Resident Relations Specialists, Grant Supervisor (part-time employee at 25 percent of an existing position), Above Base Line Patrols, General Administration, and Evaluation. One activity which will not be funded but is based on in-kind services is the Resident Relations Division. The Division will provide a forum for local agencies to present applicable information to all public housing

residents to assist them with eliminating factors which may lead to drugs and crime. Agencies currently committed to this process are Des Moines Public Schools, Employee and Family Resources, Iowa State University Extension Office, Iowa Comprehensive Human Services, and HOME, Inc.

The program description is attached for your review. Copy of the grant application is on file with the City Clerk. Deadline for the application is June 15, 1998.

The Public Housing Board reviewed this grant at their meeting on May 20, 1998, and approved referral to City Council by a 6-0 vote.