



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

98-406

SYNOPSIS —

AGENDA:
SEPTEMBER 14, 1998

The City Manager’ s Office directed Community Development Department staff to review the HUD report that was received from the Des Moines Register. Attached is an analysis of this report and current information on the progress of the City’ s Enterprise Community Program.

SUBJECT:
ENTERPRISE
COMMUNITY
PROGRAM

FISCAL IMPACT –

TYPE:
**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

Staff funding will continue through December 31, 1999 from the approved 28E Agreement with the Polk County. It is the intent of the City to request an extension of this agreement for the final two years of the program.

SUBMITTED BY:
JAMES GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval of the following:

- **Approve Community Development staff response to the HUD Report.**
- **Approve the continuation of the staff support of the Enterprise Community for three additional years to end December 31, 2001.**
- **Advise the Enterprise Community Steering Committee to complete the remaining benchmarks on or before December 31, 2001.**

BACKGROUND –

In December 1994, the City of Des Moines was awarded \$2,947,366 of Social Service Block Grant Funds as it was designated an Enterprise Community by the Department

Housing and Urban Development. This award was based on an application submitted by the City of Des Moines and prepared in accordance with HUD criteria which included a significant amount of citizen involvement.

In accordance with the HUD directives, the City has provided reports on the approved benchmarks. The last required report was submitted for the period July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997, and to date HUD has not provided the City with a formal response to the City ' s report. However, HUD had drafted some initial comments that were submitted to HUD Washington for their review. These comments were inadvertently released to a Des Moines Register reporter and were referenced in the Register prior to the City ever seeing or responding to HUD' s report.

It is important to note that a number of the concerns identified by HUD have been addressed and resolved. Also HUD was not correct on a number of other issues. The accurate information has been provided to you.

Please be advised that the City has accepted with regret the resignation of Kathy Kafela, the City' s Enterprise Community Coordinator. The Community Development staff have reviewed both the current and future Enterprise Community and the Weed & Seed activities and are recommending that this position be filled for three additional years. It is recommended that the City Council direct the Enterprise Community Steering Committee to complete the remaining benchmarks before December 31, 2001.

Attachment