

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

98-436

SYNOPSIS —

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

On the September 28, 1998, agenda there is a roll call for approval of a contract for Enterprise Community Social Service Block Grant (SSBG) entitlement funds to the Enterprise Community (EC) Child Development Specialist Services Project for the provision of child care training and educational activities from October 1, 1995 to June 30, 1999.

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF SOCIAL
SERVICE BLOCK GRANT
CONTRACT WITH POLK
COUNTY CHILD CARE
RESOURCE & REFERRAL/
CHILDNET FOR THE
ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY
PROJECT

FISCAL IMPACT —

Enterprise Community SSBG entitlement funds in the amount of \$35,000 will be utilized.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the contract with ChildNet/Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) of Central Iowa, entitled: Enterprise Community Child Development Specialist Services Project. The agency requested a \$35,000 allocation of SSBG funding for activities consistent with the EC Strategic Plan.

SUBMITTED BY:

JAMES GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND —

On February 24, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-599, the City Council approved a contract with Polk County Child Care Resource and Referral/ChildNet for an Enterprise Community Child Development Specialist Services Project Coordinator, in the amount of \$40,000 (SSBG funds) for the contract period of March 1, 1997.

On August 6, 1998, the Enterprise Steering Committee voted to recommend to the City Council the allocation

of an additional \$35,000 of SSBG funding to continue the EC Project for the period of October 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999 based on the EC Strategic plan and the following information:

Progress to Date:

Child care provider training and consultation in the EC has increased by more than 10 percent during the first year of the grant. A major reason for the success relies on the leveraging of dollars. Significant training dollars from the CCR&R budget have been invested in the EC training programs.

The CCR&R office in the EC hosted 12 Child Care Orientation sessions, two large “ Fresh Ideas” mini-conferences, six “ Welcome to Child and Adult Care Food Program” (CACFP) classes, three Special Needs classes, a Cycle Menus class, and an “ After the Abuse” class. The Forest Avenue Library was the location for two substance abuse-related classes and a four-part “ Baby Basics” series was held at the Mercy Child Development Center (expanded training on infant care).

Attachments