

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

99-125

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

The City has received funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of Iowa for the purchase of homes and other property damaged by flooding in June, 1998. The funding will be sufficient to acquire approximately 19 properties, located in varying parts of the City. This is a voluntary program for property owners who wish to participate.

MARCH 22, 1999

SUBJECT:

FEMA AND STATE
GRANTS FOR FUNDING
VOLUNTARY PROPERTY
ACQUISITION PROGRAM
OF FLOOD-DAMAGED
PROPERTIES

FISCAL IMPACT -

Funds are available for the acquisition of the property from the following:
(Total funding \$1,928,488)
1. City funding - Storm Water Utility Enterprise Funds, Index Code 366963, Hazard Mitigation Property Buyout, \$289,273 or 15 percent of total;
2. State of Iowa funding - Iowa Emergency Management Division, \$192,849 or 10 percent of total;
3. FEMA - \$1,446,366 or 75 percent of total costs.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

SUBMITTED BY:

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ACTING CITY ENGINEER

Approval and acceptance of the Grant from FEMA (Grant #1230-0001) for funding the Voluntary Acquisition of Flood Damaged Properties in accordance with the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program (the Program), April, 1999; and, setting April 5, 1999, as the informal hearing date on the Program.

BACKGROUND -

In June, 1998, a variety of properties in the City incurred

damage due to sudden flooding. The City made application to the state and federal governments for funding assistance to acquire the properties that were damaged.

An Administrative Plan has been prepared which provides the following:

1. The program is voluntary for the owners of properties subject to the program;
2. Valuation of the properties is established as 114 percent of assessed values as of 1998;
3. Relocation benefits are established according to a set schedule relative to the size of the improvements located on the property which is being purchased; and
4. A two-stage appeal process provides for citizen response where there are differences of valuation or special circumstances.
5. A public meeting with the affected property owners will be held the week of March 29, 1999, in the City Council Chambers to inform the citizens of the project and the Administrative Plan.