

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**99-181**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

APRIL 26, 1999

**SUBJECT:**

AMENDMENT TO  
THE CITY OF DES  
MOINES 1998  
FLOOD  
MITIGATION  
PROPERTY BUYOUT  
PROGRAM

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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On March 29, 1999, the City of Des Moines 1998 Flood Mitigation Property Buyout Program Grant Agreement was executed by the Iowa Emergency Management Division (IEMD) approving Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and IEMD funds for the purchase of flood-prone properties.

This funding was made available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

IEMD has informed the City that additional HMGP funds may be available and has encouraged the City to apply for those funds to purchase additional flood-prone properties.

The City has recommended nine additional flood-prone properties be submitted to IEMD for possible funding for purchase under this amendment.

The following seven listed properties are located along Four Mile Creek and are in a designated FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) floodway. The following listed properties have sustained substantial repeated flooding over the years:

- 1630 East 39th Street
- 1640 East 41st Street
- 3843 Four Mile Drive
- 3915 Four Mile Drive
- 4037 Four Mile Drive
- 4020 Osceola Avenue
- 4048 Osceola Avenue

The remaining two properties at 1728 - 44th Street and 828 Morton Avenue are located in localized drainageways and have experienced repeated flood damage over the years. Both properties have received financial assistance from FEMA for

previous damage. The property at 828 Morton Avenue has also in the past received financial assistance for flood damage from the Community Development Department in the form of a forgivable loan.

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

75 percent Federal: \$396,042.00

10 percent State: 52,806.60

15 percent Local: 79,208.40

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Authorization for the City Manager to submit the grant amendment request to the "City of Des Moines 1998 Flood Mitigation Property Buyout Program" to IEMD.**

**BACKGROUND -**

IEMD has informed the City that additional HMGP funds may be available and has encouraged the City to apply for those funds to purchase additional flood-prone properties. The nine additional residential properties, if funding is approved, would be acquired under previously approved Voluntary Acquisition of Flood Damaged Properties in accordance with the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program April 1999 guidelines.

On March 29, 1999, IEMD executed the City of Des Moines 1998 Flood Mitigation Property Buyout Program grant agreement. At that time, IEMD also approved funding for a 10 percent state share which effectively reduced the local match amount needed by \$192,849. The local share (15 percent of the original grant) is in the amount of \$289,273.

Before the state committed to funding the 10 percent share, the City Council, on August 24, 1998, Roll Call No. 98-2694, approved funding of the entire 25 percent non-federal share in the amount of \$575,488.75. The local share (15 percent) of amendment in the amount of \$79,208.40 is therefore included in the previously approved local share amount.

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