

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

99-294

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JUNE 21 1999

SUBJECT:

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

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 19 flood-prone properties. This funding was made available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

IEMD has informed the City that additional HMGP funds have been made available to the City 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.

TYPE:

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

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

- 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

SUBMITTED BY:

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CITY ENGINEER

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 1728 - 44th Street is in the Closes Creek Watershed and the structure on this property

causes a restriction to the overland flow corridor. Removal of this structure will allow for future improvements to the Closes Creek Watershed. The property at 828 Morton Avenue has received financial assistance for flood damage from the Community Development Department in the form of a forgivable loan. Purchase of this property will allow for future storm sewer improvements to the Grandview Avenue area. Four other properties in this area are being purchased with City funds to facilitate the project.

FISCAL IMPACT -

75 percent Federal:	\$396,042.00
10 percent State:	52,806.60
15 percent Local:	79,208.40

RECOMMENDATION -

Authorization for the Mayor to execute the amendment to the City of Des Moines 1998 Flood Mitigation Property Buyout Program.

BACKGROUND -

IEMD has made available to the City additional HMGP funds to purchase additional flood-prone properties. The nine additional residential properties 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 (HMGP) grant agreement that included 19 properties. At that time, IEMD also approved funding for a 10 percent state share that 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, by 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 the amendment in the amount of \$79,208.40 is therefore included in the previously approved local share amount.

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