

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**99-410**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**  
  
SEPTEMBER 13, 1999

On the September 13, 1999 Council Agenda is a roll call to approve the Affordable Housing Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines and West Des Moines State Bank

**SUBJECT:**

AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING  
AGREEMENT

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

The City has been awarded \$475,000 for the Emergency Repair Loan Program. These funds will be used for "bricks and mortar". The City will continue to fund staff costs and overhead through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

JIM GRANT  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR

**BACKGROUND -**

In April, 1996, West Bank applied for an Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank in the amount of \$400,000 to be used in conjunction with funds already allocated for programs administered by the former Neighborhood Conservation Services Division of the Community Development Department. In June 1996, West Bank was awarded \$400,000 in the form of a grant for this purpose.

The 1999 West Bank application focused Federal Home Loan Bank funds on the Emergency Repair Loan Program. This will enable 85 households in emergency situations to access these funds in order to repair a dangerous furnace or water heater, a leaking roof, a water line, or hazardous wiring or plumbing. The maximum assistance per household is \$5,500. An

additional \$5,000 will be available for 21 of the assisted households to make exterior repairs and improvements. These exterior improvements will have a positive effect on the house and on the neighborhood.

Due to reductions of CDBG funds allocated to this program, these funds are critical to the continuation of the Emergency Repair Loan Program. Because the Federal Home Loan Bank is in Des Moines, the program is very easy to administer and staff is readily available to answer questions.