



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**99-426**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

SEPTEMBER 27, 1999

Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to renew grant funds for case management and referrals for all elderly/disabled residents in public housing needing assistance.

**SUBJECT:**

APPLICATION TO  
HUD-SERVICE  
COORDINATOR FOR  
ELDERLY AND  
NON-ELDERLY  
DISABLED PUBLIC  
HOUSING  
RESIDENTS-GRANT  
AGREEMENT

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

Grant application is for \$94,612 for one year.

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND -**

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

Since 1995, Housing Services has provided case management services to frail/at-risk elderly and non-elderly disabled clients. Recently, this service has been provided by contracting with another agency. The coordinators perform home visits with any elderly/disabled residents who live in one of the elderly and non-elderly disabled manors, and help them remain self-sufficient by coordinating with community services.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

RUSSELL  
UNDERWOOD  
INTERIM HOUSING  
DIRECTOR

The grant application for the Service Coordinators will fund two positions. The positions will be contracted through another agency but will be housed on-site at the five elderly/disabled buildings.

Service Coordinators will:

- Provide general case management/referral services to all residents needing assistance;

- Refer and link residents of public housing to service providers in general community;
- Develop case plans in coordination with assessment services in the community;
- Help residents build support networks with other residents, family/friends; and
- Educate staff on issues related to aging in place and service coordination, help them work with and better assist residents.

Service Coordinators must be trained in: aging; elderly services; disability services; eligibility for federal and state entitlement programs; legal liability issues; drug and alcohol use and abuse by elderly/disabled; and mental health issues.