



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**00-063**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**  
  
FEBRUARY 21, 2000

Permission for the City, through its Human Rights Commission, to continue participation in the cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**SUBJECT:**  
  
COOPERATIVE  
AGREEMENT WITH  
HUD

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

The agreement is operated 100 percent with federal grant funds.

**TYPE:**

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**BACKGROUND -**

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
  
FLOYD A. JONES  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
DIRECTOR

On September 8, 1987, Council authorized the Des Moines Human Rights Commission to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Human Rights Commission and HUD. This MOU set forth the terms and conditions by which the Commission processes housing discrimination complaints arising within the corporate city limits of Des Moines, Iowa, in accordance with HUD's fair housing assistance program. This MOU also sends staff to mandatory training as required by HUD.

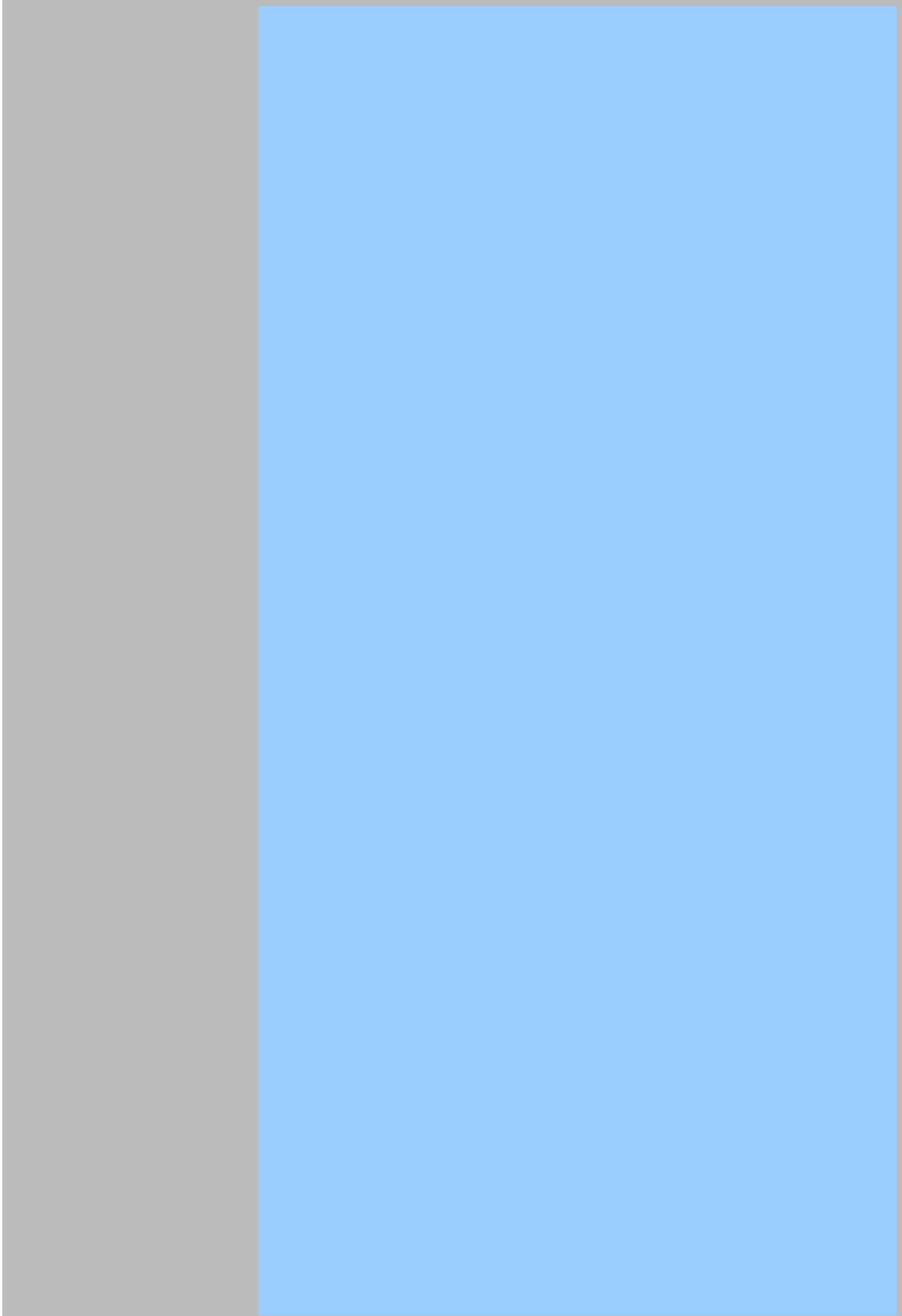
Since that time, Council has approved similar agreements on an annual basis, including amendments to same.

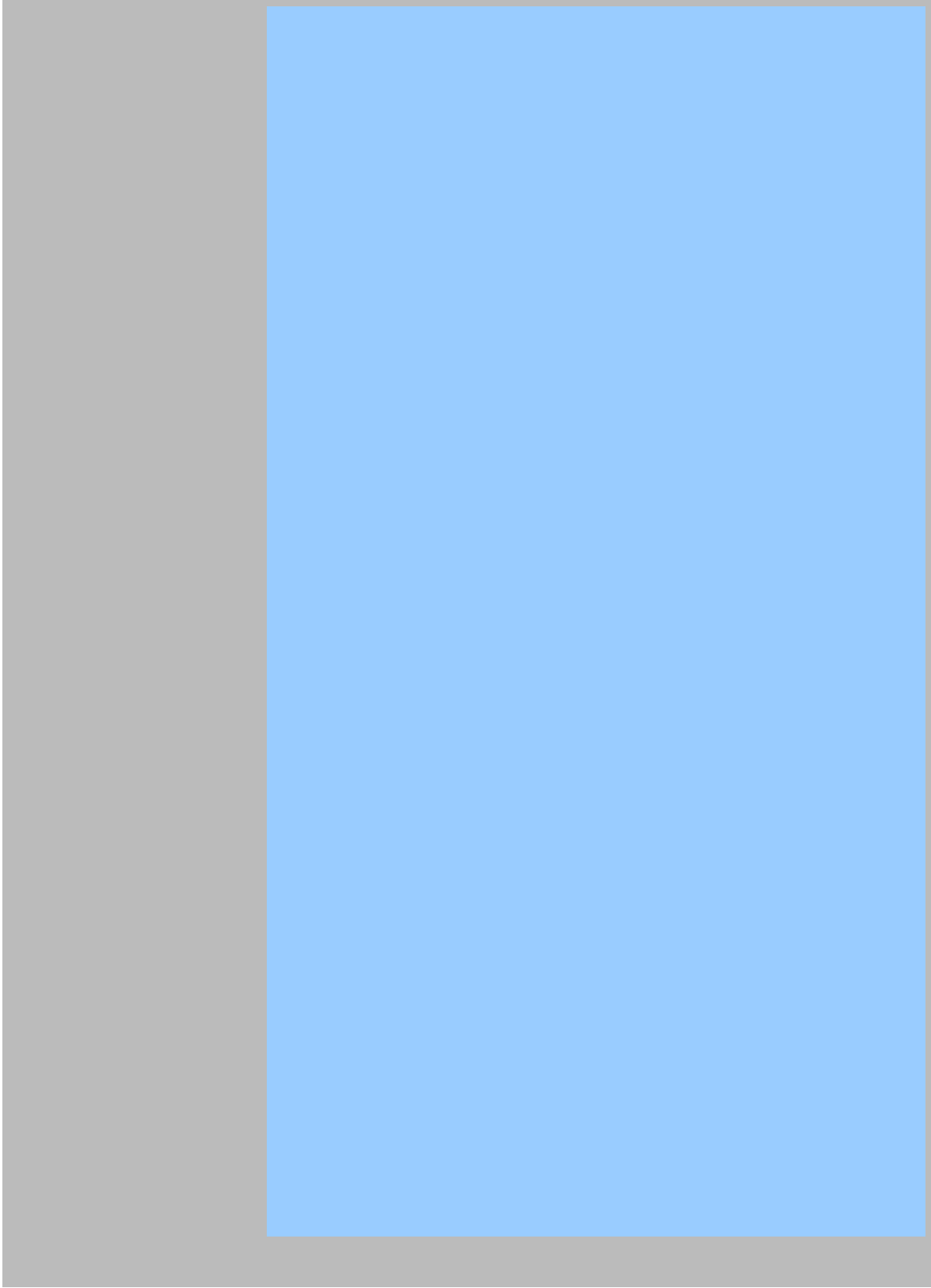
On September 14, 1998, Council approved the cooperative agreement whereby HUD agreed to allocate \$67,200 to the Des Moines Human Rights Commission. The Commission agreed to process housing discrimination complaints arising within the corporate limits of Des Moines, Iowa, for the period of October

1, 1998 through September 30, 1999. The Commission also agreed to send staff for mandatory training.

On May 24, 1999, Council approved an amendment that provided for an additional \$15,000, of which \$10,000 was for administrative costs and \$5,000 for mandatory training.

HUD prepared a second amendment for additional funds and presented it to Council for approval. These funds are to be used for mandatory training, case processing, education and outreach, and administrative costs.





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