



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-190

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

MAY 1, 2000

Requesting approval for submission of a grant to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to renew funds for service coordinators for elderly/disabled public housing residents.

SUBJECT:

SERVICE
COORDINATOR
GRANT RENEWAL
FOR HOUSING
SERVICES

FISCAL IMPACT -

Grant application is for \$96,500 over a one-year period.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

BEN MONTIJO
HOUSING SERVICES
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

The City of Des Moines, Municipal Housing Agency received a Service Coordinator Grant in 1995. This grant provides funds to provide two Service Coordinators who work with elderly and disabled residents of public housing to help them remain self-sufficient. The support includes identifying services for them in areas they are unable to manage on their own, such as housekeeping assistance or a personal care attendant.

The grant will fund two full-time Service Coordinators, who will:

- Work with individual elderly and disabled residents in public housing to identify services which will enable them to live independently.
- Provide activities and workshops which build social networks among these residents.

This grant would allow the Department of Housing Services to continue to have two Service Coordinators for calendar year 2001.

On April 19, 2000, the Public Housing Board voted to recommend this grant to the City Council.

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