



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-309

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

Approval of Fiscal Year 2000 Drug Elimination Grant [HUD Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP)] Agreement.

JULY 10, 2000

FISCAL IMPACT -

SUBJECT:

A total of \$208,364 to be used by the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency for implementation of the Fiscal Year 2000 Drug Elimination Grant HUD PHDEP activities including:

2000 PUBLIC
HOUSING DRUG
ELIMINATION
GRANT

- Workshops and recreational activities for residents.
- Increased security at Royal View Manor.
- Quarterly newsletter for residents.
- Above baseline police surveillance.
- Provide funds for administrative costs associated with the grant.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

BEN MONTIJO
PUBLIC HOUSING
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

Since 1991, efforts to combat drugs and violent crime in Public Housing have been funded through the Drug Elimination Program. The Department of Housing Services has received Drug Elimination Grants in the past that have provided the security of our Public Housing Units and provided prevention activities for residents including:

1. Resident workshops and quarterly newsletters will inform Public Housing residents about community resources, and provide them information to assist in becoming self-sufficient. The recreational activities will also include providing information regarding drug-free environments.

2. The above baseline police surveillance and increased resident security will increase security and the safety of Public housing residents, and assist the Department in evictions.

3. The grant will provide the Department with funds to cover administrative costs to include maintaining two full time resident relation specialists to work directly with Public Housing residents, including coordination of activities, workshops, and meeting with new residents, educating residents to be good neighbors, and improving family relationships through service provisions.