

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**00-349**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

AUGUST 7, 2000

**SUBJECT:**

\$150,000 EPA  
GRANT FOR  
RIVERPOINT WEST

On the August 7, 2000 Council agenda is a resolution to approve submittal of a Supplemental Assistance Application for a \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for site assessment work and related planning in the Riverpoint West area. Riverpoint West is generally bounded by the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway (currently Market Street) to the north, the Raccoon River to the south and west, and SW 9th Street to the east. The application is required to be executed in order to draw down grant funds the EPA awarded to the City on April 12, 2000. Ellen Walkowiak with the City's Office of Economic Development is coordinating the City activities relative to this project.

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

N/A

**SUBMITTED BY:**

ERIC A. ANDERSON  
CITY MANAGER

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND -**

On July 24, 2000, by Roll Call No. 00-3200, the City Council approved and executed the Phase II Environmental Assessment Agreement with Lenz Environmental Inc. for redevelopment of the Riverpoint West area and authorized City staff to obtain access to properties in Riverpoint West to conduct environmental testing. Funds are required to perform soil and groundwater testing on up to 175 acres, obtain cost-effective environmental remediation strategies as warranted, and complete redevelopment planning.

EPA requires the Supplemental Assistance Application to be executed by August 15, 2000 so that funds can be drawn down during the new federal fiscal year starting on October 1, 2000. No matching funds are needed.

The City's partnership with the EPA in redeveloping brownfields is very important. Through our close collaboration, EPA has provided nearly \$1 million in grant funds for site assessment and development of a local brownfields cleanup revolving loan fund. These resources significantly assist in our redevelopment efforts.