

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

00-404

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

AUGUST 28, 2000

SUBJECT:

AMENDMENT TO
1998 FLOOD
MITIGATION
PROPERTY BUYOUT
GRANT PROGRAM

Authorization for the City Manager to submit on behalf of the City of Des Moines a grant amendment request to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Grant, and file with the Iowa Emergency Management Division (IEMD) and the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) for the purpose of obtaining federal/state financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for acquisition, relocation and demolition of seven (7) flood-prone residential properties and one property on the contingency list.

The seven (7) properties identified for this amendment are listed below:

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

- 1425 Williams Street
- 1426 Williams Street
- 3827 East Jefferson Ave.
- 1532 East 41st Street
- 1538 East 41st Street
- 4311 Lincoln Ave.
- 4213 Leonard Place

SUBMITTED BY:

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CITY ENGINEER

FISCAL IMPACT -

The Federal share of this project will be \$430,497 (75%) while the State share will be \$143,499 (25%) for a total of \$573,996. The funds are available in the Stormwater Enterprise Fund, CIP Index Code 366963, Fund EN304, Organization ENG990000, Project/Grant STE069.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

In June 1998 a variety of properties in the City incurred damage due to flash flooding. As a result of this and previous flood events, the City submitted applications to the state and federal governments for funding assistance to acquire the properties that were damaged. Funding for this project was previously approved on January 24, 2000 under Roll Call Nos. 00-173/174.

On January 24, 2000, the City of Des Moines 1998 Flood Mitigation Property Buyout Program Grant Agreement was executed by the Iowa Emergency Management Division (IEMD) approving funds for the purchase of flood-prone properties. This funding is made available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) The HMGP provides for 25% of the overall project costs.

Also on January 24, 2000 the City of Des Moines executed a grant with the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for acquisition, relocation, and demolition of June 1998 flood properties. The IDED CDBG program provides for 75% of the overall project costs.

The Flood Buyout program is a voluntary acquisition program, which to date has removed 22 properties from flood prone areas. The original grant included 28 properties, however five property owners have declined to participate in the program and one acquisition is pending.

Therefore, in order to fully utilize the funding available in this program the Engineering Department has reevaluated the need to purchase flood prone properties and have identified seven (7) other properties that could replace the five (5) which have declined to participate. Of these, five properties are located along Four-Mile Creek and are in a designated FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) floodplain. These properties have sustained repeated flooding over the years:

- 1425 Williams Street
- 1426 Williams Street
- 3827 East Jefferson Ave.
- 1532 East 41st Street
- 1538 East 41st Street
- 1539 East 40th Street (contingency list property)

The contingency property will qualify for the program if one of the other properties on the list decline to participate. The remaining two properties at 4311 Lincoln Ave and 4213 Leonard Place are located in localized drainageways and have experienced repeated flood damage over the years. Both properties have received financial assistance from FEMA for the June 1998 flood event. All property owners have been contacted regarding this voluntary program and each has expressed an interest in having the opportunity to participate in the program.

Total Project Cost:\$2,578,938
75% IDED CDBG Funds \$1,943,094
25% IEMD HMGP Funds \$635,844