

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**00-536**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**  
  
NOVEMBER 20, 2000

Authorization for the City Manger to acquire eight additional properties as approved in an amendment to the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program grant contract and the Iowa Emergency Management Division (IEMD) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) disaster assistance agreement for acquisition, relocation, and demolition of June 1998 flood properties funding.

**SUBJECT:**  
  
AUTHORIZATION  
TO ACQUIRE EIGHT  
ADDITIONAL  
RESIDENTIAL  
PROPERTIES IN THE  
CITY OF DES  
MOINES 1998  
FLOOD  
MITIGATION  
PROPERTY BUYOUT  
GRANT PROGRAM

The City has identified eight additional residential properties which have experienced repetitive flood damage and will acquire them based on the following priority list, until a time that all funds are expended or all properties on the list have been acquired by the City or have declined to participate in this voluntary buyout program.

The eight properties will be acquired starting with property number 1 and working down the list to property number 8. If a property owner declines to participate, that property will be crossed off the list and the City will proceed to the next property on the list until the list is depleted or all funds in the program are expended.

**TYPE:**

**Priority Ranking List of Properties**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

- 1. 1425  
Williams  
Street
- 2. 1426  
Williams  
Street
- 3. 3827  
East  
Jefferson
- 4. 4311  
Lincoln  
Avenue
- 5. 4213  
Leonard

**SUBMITTED BY:**

FLOYD BENTZ, P.E.  
CITY ENGINEER

Place  
6. 1532  
East 41st  
Street  
7. 1538  
East 41st  
Street  
8. 1539  
East 40th  
Street

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

Funds are available as: \$430,497 - 75 percent federal share - IDED CDBG Funds, Index Code 366963, Hazard Mitigation Property Buyout - Account 541010 - Fund EN304 - Organization ENG990000 - Project/Grant STE069; and \$143,499 - 25 percent state share IEMD, Index Code 366963, Hazard Mitigation Property Buyout - Account 541010 - Fund EN304 - Organization ENG990000 - Project/Grant STE069.

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND -**

On January 24, 2000, the City of Des Moines 1998 Flood Mitigation Property Buyout Program Grant Agreement was executed by the IEMD approving funds for the purchase of flood-prone properties. This funding is made available through the HMGP which provides for 25 percent of the overall project costs.

Also on January 24, 2000, the City of Des Moines executed a grant with the IDED CDBG program for acquisition, relocation, and demolition of June 1998 flood properties. The IDED CDBG program provides for 75 percent 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 re-evaluated the need to purchase flood prone properties and have identified eight other properties that could replace the five which have declined to participate.

Of these, five properties are located along Four-Mile Creek and are in a designated Federal Emergency Management Authority (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  
Avenue  
1532 East  
41st  
Street  
1538 East  
41st  
Street  
1539 East  
40th  
Street

The remaining two properties at 4311 Lincoln Avenue 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.

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 made application 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.

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