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CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM _____

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

01-021

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

Approval of amendments to 1998, 1999, and 2000 Public Housing Comprehensive Grant Programs.

JANUARY 22, 2001

FISCAL IMPACT -

SUBJECT:

None-these revisions involve reprogramming expenditures.

AMENDMENTS TO
1998, 1999, AND 2000
PUBLIC HOUSING
COMPREHENSIVE
GRANT PROGRAMS

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

TYPE:

BACKGROUND -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

The revisions highlighted below are recommended to accomplish three things:

SUBMITTED BY:

1) Move the administrative offices out of Royal View Manor as soon as possible and for considerably less money by entering into a lease agreement.

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2) Begin using 10 percent of the grant to fund operations as allowed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

3) Maximize the use of maintenance staff for capital projects so that their salaries can be funded from these funds, further moving the Department toward a balanced budget.

Highlights:

· Overall, \$700,000 was previously allocated under "Site Acquisition" for new office space. These funds have now been reduced to \$200,000 for lease improvements. This will allow a much faster move of offices from Royal View Manor, and spending the

remaining \$500,000 on other capital and operating priorities.

- Opportunity exists in the 1999 grant to focus on the rehabilitation of single-family homes slated for the 5-H Affordable Homeownership Program. This is reflected in the \$164,965 increase in the line item, "Agency-Wide Vacant Unit Re-Hab". These funds will be used to hire six temporary employees to focus solely on rehabilitating those properties included in the 5-H Homeownership Program, so that they are ready for immediate sale by May 1, 2001.

- The 2000 grant includes four significant changes: 1) 10 percent, or \$157,372, will be transferred to operations, as allowed by HUD rules, to aid in the effort to balance the Operating Budget. 2) \$400,000 from "Site Acquisition" has been split between "Nondwelling Structures," "Dwelling Structures," and the transfer to operations. 3) "Nondwelling Structures" are improvements to the lease space needed to move administrative offices out of Royal View Manor. "Dwelling Structures" will be increased by \$160,000 for various projects. 4) Three of the projects (\$205,000) will be accomplished by the Department's maintenance staff. This will pay a portion of maintenance salaries and further move the Department toward a balanced budget.