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CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM _____

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

01-103

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

Approval of existing contract for building materials.

FEBRUARY 26, 2001

FISCAL IMPACT -

SUBJECT:

Up to \$160,000 for the Housing Services Department's 5-h Affordable Homeownership program.

APPROVAL OF
EXISTING
CONTRACT FOR
BUILDING
MATERIALS

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

TYPE:

BACKGROUND -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
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Normally, these contracts are small enough that they do not require Council approval. However, the Housing Services Department's 5-h Affordable Homeownership Program will require the rehabilitation of at least 40 single-family homes. It is estimated that, in a worst case scenario, each home would require \$4,000 of building materials to make it saleable. This volume, multiplied by this cost, raises the potential cost of the contract to a level which requires Council approval to extend the use of existing building material contracts for the Municipal Housing Agency's 5-h Affordable Homeownership Program, without re-bidding.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- It is expected that, if approved, the Housing Services Department will open blanket purchase orders with both Payless Cashways and Menards to expedite the acquisition of materials.
- The Housing Services Department is still waiting for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to approve

the budget revisions that will allow the rehabilitation crews to be hired and the materials to be purchased.

- All City departments are able to utilize these contracts, because they were bid and negotiated by the Purchasing Division of the Finance Department. Because the Housing Services Department will be the highest volume user, it has placed this item on the Council agenda.

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