

Meeting Agendas/Info

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:	ITEM _____
01-145	OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA
AGENDA:	SYNOPSIS -
MARCH 26, 2001	Requesting approval for submission of a grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator whose function would be to work with Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) Section 8 clients in a HUD-mandated self sufficiency program.
SUBJECT: FSS PROGRAM COORDINATOR GRANT	Also requesting authorization for the Mayor to execute and the City Manager to implement the grant if it is awarded.
TYPE:	FISCAL IMPACT -
<u>RESOLUTION</u> ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	Grant application is for \$42,250 over a one-year period. RECOMMENDATION -
SUBMITTED BY:	Approval.
RUSSELL C. UNDERWOOD ACTING HOUSING SERVICES DIRECTOR	BACKGROUND - DMMHA administers an FSS program. Participating individuals work with a coordinator to set and meet goals, such as getting and keeping a full-time job or completing a college education. The Housing Services Department is required to have an FSS program. Currently, the Section 8 FSS program has provided individual case management through Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC), which is working with fewer than the minimum number of participants required. DMACC does not want to take on additional FSS clients because the college is providing its services free of charge. FSS provides emotional support and guidance to participating clients, and DMMHA maintains an escrow account on the

participant's behalf.

As part of its SuperNOFA (Notices of Funding Availability), HUD has made funding for an FSS Coordinator available. Funding will cover the salary and fringe benefits for one coordinator for each 50 clients.

This is the first time in several years that housing authorities not already receiving funding for an FSS Coordinator could apply for grant funding.

The funding will help expand the current Section 8 FSS program and give more clients the opportunity to participate in FSS, helping DMMHA meet its mission of providing self-sufficiency to its clients.

The grant application is attached to the roll call.