

Meeting Agendas/Info

MUNICIPAL
HOUSING
GOVERNING BOARD
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM - MHGB _____

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

01-600

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

Requesting approval to stop accepting new applications for the Public Housing and Section 8 Programs with the exceptions listed below.

DECEMBER 3, 2001

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

Not Applicable.

APPROVAL TO STOP
ACCEPTING NEW
APPLICATIONS FOR
THE SECTION 8 AND
PUBLIC HOUSING
WAITING LISTS

RECOMMENDATION -

Stop accepting new applications for the Section 8 Waiting List with the exception of individuals and families qualifying for a preference.

TYPE:

Stop accepting new applications for the Public Housing Waiting List with the exception of elderly/disabled applicants applying for one-bedroom Public Housing units and individuals and families qualifying for a preference.

RESOLUTION
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

MIKE MATTHES
ACTING HOUSING
SERVICES DIRECTOR

Waiting lists were last closed in 1998, then reopened in 1999.

The City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to maintain waiting lists of interested applicants for the Public Housing and Section 8 Programs. Federal regulations governing these programs state that the public housing agency may stop accepting new applications, or may accept only applications meeting certain criteria adopted by the public housing agency, if it determines that the existing waiting list contains an adequate pool for use of available program funding.

Currently, the waiting lists average 2,400 applicants for the Section 8 Program and 888 applicants for the Public Housing Program. In reviewing the Agency's available funding for Section 8 and the available units in Public Housing, the DMMHA has determined that there is an adequate pool of applicants to use the available funding for the Section 8 and to fill the available units for the Public Housing Programs with the exception of one-bedroom Public Housing units. At this time, it is estimated that applicants for the Section 8 Program and applicants for two-, three-, and four-bedroom Public Housing units will be waiting at least one year before assistance will be available to them.

Therefore, it is recommended that DMMHA stop accepting new applications for both the Section 8 and Public Housing waiting lists with the exceptions listed above.

Upon approval, DMMHA is required by HUD to publish a 30-day Public Notice informing the public of this action. Therefore, the effective date for DMMHA to stop accepting new applications will be 30 days from the date of publication of said notice.
