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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

AGENDA:

DECEMBER 17, 2001

SUBJECT:

NEIGHBORHOOD
COMMERCIAL
REVITALIZATION
LOAN PROGRAM
DESIGN CHANGES

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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SYNOPSIS -

On the December 17, 2001, Council agenda is a roll call to approve changes to the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) Loan program design. The NCR program design is one of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded loan programs within the Economic Development Financial Assistance Programs administered by the City's Office of Economic Development and included in the City of Des Moines 2001 Consolidated Plan approved by City Council by Roll Call No. 00-4267, dated November 6, 2000.

The NCR program is to assist in the revitalization of older buildings in the City's neighborhood commercial areas by providing low interest rate loans for property and site improvements. Currently, an NCR loan is not to exceed 50 percent of the improvement costs up to a maximum of \$15,000. The proposed changes would increase the maximum loan amount to \$200,000.

The program has been under utilized due to the low loan limits as a percentage of costs associated with rehabilitation and renovation of the City's older commercial buildings. The proposed changes will make the program a more viable tool to assist revitalization efforts in the City's neighborhood commercial areas.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Board reviewed the proposed changes in the program design at its meeting of December 5, 2001, and recommends approval.

FISCAL IMPACT -

The Economic Development Financial Assistance Program is funded from CDBG. There is no impact on the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approve the proposed change in program design.
