

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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02-262

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

AGENDA:

MAY 20, 2002

SYNOPSIS -

Approval of the Affordable Housing Agreement between the City of Des Moines, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (FHLB), and West Des Moines State Bank (West Bank, 1601 - 22nd Street, West Des Moines, Iowa).

SUBJECT:

AGREEMENT WITH
WEST DES MOINES
STATE BANK FOR
DISPERSAL OF THE
FEDERAL HOME
LOAN BANK
AFFORDABLE
HOUSING
PROGRAM GRANT

FISCAL IMPACT -

The City of Des Moines and West Bank have been awarded \$249,999 for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (Minor) Program. The funds will be used for "bricks and mortar" while the City will continue to fund staff costs and overhead through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

BACKGROUND -

In March, 2001, West Bank applied for an Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Grant from the FHLB in the amount of \$249,999 to be used in conjunction with funds allocated for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (Minor) Program administered by the Neighborhood Conservation Services (NCS) Division of the Community Development Department. In July 2001, West Bank was awarded \$249,999 in the form of a grant for this purpose.

SUBMITTED BY:

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DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

The 2001 application focused FHLB funds on the CDBG Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (Minor) Program. Fifty households in emergency situations will be able to access these funds to repair a dangerous furnace or water heater, to fix a leaking roof, to repair a water line, or to repair hazardous wiring or plumbing. The maximum assistance per household is \$5,500. An additional \$5,000 of FHLB

funds will be available for assisted households to make exterior repairs and improvements. These exterior improvements will have a positive effect on the house and on the neighborhood.

Due to reductions of CDBG funds allocated to this program, these funds are critical to the continuation of the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (Minor) Program. Because the FHLB is in Des Moines, the program is very easy to administer and staff is readily available to answer questions.
