

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-357

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

AGENDA:

JULY 8, 2002

SYNOPSIS -

The Enterprise Community Youth Build Project was formed in response to the Youth Build benchmark in the Enterprise Community (EC) Strategic Plan. Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC) will partner with Spectrum Resources to provide job development and job training skills.

SUBJECT:

ENTERPRISE
COMMUNITY
YOUTH BUILD
PROJECT

FISCAL IMPACT -

Enterprise Community Social Service Block Grant (SSBG) funding in the amount of \$120,010 will be used.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

JAMES GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

On November 20, 1995, by Roll Call No. 95-4424, the City Council approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Des Moines, the State of Iowa, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development which incorporates the EC Strategic Plan and the benchmarks which measure the progress of major projects contained in the EC Strategic Plan.

On February 7, 2002, the Enterprise Community Steering Committee (ECSC) voted to allocate \$120,010 to the Enterprise Community Youth Build Project to assist in the training of youth through the construction of a new home at 1225 - 9th Street.

CHDC, in cooperation with Spectrum Resources, will provide housing construction training opportunities for at least ten very low-income and/or educationally disadvantaged youth (age 18-24).

The program hopes to assist these individuals in developing leadership, life, and empowerment skills. By participating in the construction of a new single-family home at 1225 - 9th Street, the program participants will gain valuable hands-on construction training leading to well paying jobs. The newly constructed home will ultimately be sold to a family whose income is below 80 percent of median income.
