CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

02-498

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

SUBJECT:

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION BOARD 2003 HUD CONSOLIDATED PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

TYPE:

RESOLUTION

ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS —

City Council receives the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) recommendations for Program Year (PY) 2003 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan funding allocations, sets the date of a public hearing for November 4, 2002, and refers the NRB recommendations to the public and the City Manager for review and comment. Council action will also direct the City Clerk to publish notice of the public hearing and Consolidated Plan Summary.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The PY2003 HUD block grant entitlement funds available in the three programs included in the Consolidated Plan are currently estimated to be: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$5,130,000; Home Investments Partnership (HOME) Program - \$1,450,000; and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) - \$181,000. Funding levels are contingent on final Congressional and Executive action.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The NRB has submitted their recommended funding allocations for projects to receive PY2003 CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding. The next step in the process is to refer these recommendations to both the public and the City Manager for review and comment.

The proposed Consolidated Plan will be available to the public for 30 days, and a hearing will be held on November 4, 2002, to receive the City Manager's comments and recommendations and any comments from the public before finalizing the Plan.

HUD requires a 45-day review period before implementation of the program year. This means that the plan will have to be finalized and approved at the November 4th City Council meeting.

This year proposals were submitted in response to specific Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) addressing the priority goals for the five-year strategy and one-year action plan. PY2003 will be the fourth action year of

the current five-year strategy.

Briefly, the five-year strategy is to address critical needs for affordable housing for families at or below 80 percent of the median household income.

Other categories of projects include economic development, infrastructure improvements, and public services which are intended to support the housing effort by helping households work or train for work, obtain transportation and child care, and revitalize neighborhoods.

The 2000-2004 HUD Consolidated Plan is a significant step forward in meeting the needs of low- and moderate-income Des Moines households.