

**MUNICIPAL HOUSING  
GOVERNING BOARD  
COMMUNICATION:**

**02-559**

**AGENDA:**

NOVEMBER 4, 2002

**SUBJECT:**

DISPOSITION  
APPLICATION OF 394  
PUBLIC HOUSING  
UNITS FOR  
SUBMITTAL TO THE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT  
OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
RECEIVE/FILE

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**SUBMITTED BY:**

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ACTING HOUSING  
SERVICES DIRECTOR

**ITEM - MHGB\_\_\_\_\_**

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

**SYNOPSIS —**

Approving Disposition Application of 394 public housing units for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

\$17,000,000 estimated total potential revenue.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND —**

During its March 2002 budget deliberations, the Municipal Housing Governing Board (MHGB) directed the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) to prepare a Disposition Application for the purpose of selling up to 394 scattered site housing units in the Public Housing Program. The MHGB further directed DMMHA to participate in an Affordable Housing Task Force (AHTF) made up of area housing non-profit agencies to develop recommendations aimed at reducing the operating costs of the Public Housing Program.

Task Force meetings were facilitated by an independent, third party, professional facilitator - Barb Ettelson, through a technical assistance grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Polk County Housing Trust Fund.

DMMHA received valuable input from the AHTF regarding disposition (selling units), and many of their recommendations are contained in the application. Once submitted to and approved by HUD, the DMMHA will be permitted to sell the 394 units.

Approval of the application does not then require that the units be sold; it does allow the sale of units at Governing Board discretion.

Revenue from the sale of these units will be used to: first, pay off any debt the DMMHA has; second, to provide for capital improvements of remaining Public Housing units; and third, for community-wide affordable housing initiatives (such as down-payment assistance, rehabilitation assistance for low- to moderate-income homeowners, or construction of affordable

	housing).
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