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SUBJECT—

Authorize application and local match, as well as, designate authorized representative for a Flood Mitigation Assistance grant to update the local hazard mitigation plan to comply with new federal rules.

SYNOPSIS—

The Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division is accepting applications for Flood Mitigation Assistance grants to assist in the revision of local hazard mitigation plans. Our current plan was completed in June 2000 and does not meet the new requirements. To ensure the City is eligible for future project funding the plan must be updated to comply with the new requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The required local match is 25%, estimated at \$15,000, will be contributed in staff time and is included in the existing operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division is accepting applications for Flood Mitigation Assistance grants to assist in the revision of local hazard mitigation plans. Our current plan was completed in June 2000 and does not meet the new requirements. The City's plan met the requirements at the time. Since then, new federal regulations were passed. To ensure the City is eligible for future project funding the plan must be updated to comply with the new requirements. The new requirements include public comment and involvement, opportunity for involvement by neighboring communities, updates within 5 years, and adoption by City Council.

The estimated total study cost is \$60,000. The federal share for this project is 75%. The grant request is for \$45,000 in Federal funding. Staff time will be credited as the local in-kind 25% share. We will work with Polk County to update the June 2000 City of Des Moines Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Polk County is currently working with two other communities to update their hazard plans.

The City is not required to apply for the funding; however, funding may not be offered in the future. The grant requires that the plan be drafted by July 31, 2004 and finalized by December 31, 2004. The grant also requires a resolution by City Council designating an authorized representative and committing to the 25% local share.