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SUBJECT—

Authorization to submit a grant application to the Iowa Home Ownership Education Project (IHOEP).

SYNOPSIS—

The Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) seeks Municipal Housing Governing Board approval to apply for an IHOEP grant to expand homeownership outreach efforts for the 5(h) Affordable Homeownership Program. The DMMHA is also requesting approval to authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute and implement funding if awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The grant amount requested is \$5,000.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The Iowa Home Ownership Education Project (IHOEP) is a collaborative group that represents the efforts of a broad-based coalition of stakeholders interested in improving and expanding home ownership education services throughout Iowa.

The Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) is a current member of the IHOEP collaborative group. One of the benefits of membership of IHOEP is the ability to apply for grants that IHOEP offers. The IHOEP Grant Program has been created to provide the financial means to assist organizations in creating and/or expanding homeownership education initiatives.

DMMHA would like to apply for the IHOEP grant in order to expand homeownership outreach efforts for the 5(h) Affordable Homeownership Program.

DMMHA is asking for \$5,000 for translating of 5(h) program documents in Spanish and printing of the translated brochures to promote homeownership expansion.