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SUBJECT—

Review Consolidated Katrina Disaster Contributions Contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

SYNOPSIS—

Approval to execute the Consolidated Katrina Disaster Contributions Contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to administer the Katrina Disaster Housing Assistance Program (KDHAP).

FISCAL IMPACT—

Subsidy from HUD for Housing Assistance Payments will depend on the number of eligible evacuees here in Des Moines and evacuees willing to locate to Des Moines in the future. The Municipal Housing Agency will receive \$1000 per family for temporary housing, transportation, and housing search assistance. Additionally, the Agency will receive 10% of the Housing Assistance Payments for administration costs and potentially an additional 5% if funding becomes available from HUD.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

On September 28, 2005 HUD released information on the KDHAP program in response to the need for housing assistance for displaced HUD-assisted families from Hurricane Katrina. On October 3, 2005, DMMHA received a contract from HUD to participate in this program. This is a voluntary program.

The KDHAP program is similar in many ways to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program; however, there are the following differences:

- Assistance is only eligible for the families that meet all of the following criteria: the families are from a Hurricane Katrina federally-declared disaster area within Louisiana, Mississippi or Alabama; the family's residence must have been destroyed or is uninhabitable, as determined by FEMA; the family must register with FEMA by December 31, 2005; and the family, immediately prior to the evacuation, must have been homeless, or resided in a HUD-assisted dwelling unit.
- Assistance is only for 18 months.
- Assistance is not based on income. Assistance will be provided at 100% of Fair Market Rents (FMR).
- Security deposits and utility connection deposits are paid by the Agency.
- Assistance is provided for housing search, temporary housing, and transportation.