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## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Agenda Date: 10/24/05  
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### **SUBJECT—**

Approval of the Community Food and Nutrition Agreement for the 2005-2006 program year

### **SYNOPSIS—**

Approval of the Community Food and Nutrition agreement by and between West Central Development Corporation and the City of Des Moines for providing outreach for the Food Assistance Program.

### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

Community Food and Nutrition Grant provides funding for referral services for low-income residents of Des Moines to the Food Assistance Program.

### **RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval

### **BACKGROUND—**

Community Developments Community Services Division provides referral services for the Food Assistance program, communicating and coordinating with our local DHS offices.

The Community Services Division operates as the Community Action Agency for the City of Des Moines. It is charged with providing services to the City's low-income families and trying to address and eliminate causes of poverty. The City became a public Community Action Agency (CAA) in 1977.

The beginnings of Community Action can be found in the signing of the federal Equal Opportunity Act in 1964. There are now 1,000 Community Action Agencies in the U.S. The City of Des Moines is one of eighteen Community Action Agencies serving Iowa.