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Department: Fire



AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Statement of Intent and Understanding to Develop a Multijurisdictional Multihazard Mitigation Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the Resolution stating the intent to participate with the Polk County Emergency Management Commission in the development of a successor Multihazard Mitigation Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: None

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Congress approved The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA), commonly known as the 2000 Stafford Act amendments, on October 10, 2000. On October 30, 2000, the President signed the bill into law, creating Public Law 106-390. The 2000 DMA amends the Stafford Act, establishes a national program for pre-disaster mitigation, and streamlines administration of disaster relief. The Act also requires local governments to develop and submit mitigation plans.

The Mitigation Plan will establish interim and long-term strategies to eliminate hazards or to reduce the impact of those hazards that cannot be eliminated. The DMA also states that in order to qualify for federal funding for mitigation assistance, eligible applicants must comply with the mitigation planning requirements set forth in 44 CFR 206, Subpart M, and the Iowa Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Administrative Plan, as appropriate.

The Polk County Emergency Management Agency will use grant funds to develop this Plan for the County and subordinate jurisdictions, including the City of Des Moines. Public and stakeholder input will be solicited and incorporated into the Plan, and it will be presented to the Council for approval upon completion.

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