



**Council
Communication**
Office of the City Manager

Date

July 10, 2006

Agenda Item No. 40
Roll Call No. 06-
Communication No. 06-402
Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community
Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the Environmental Certification and Request for the Release of Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a Special Purpose Grant to Polk County, Iowa.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to accept the Environmental Review Record and determinations for the Special Purpose Grant B-06-SP-IA-0284 to Polk County. The City of Des Moines Community Development Department performs the environmental review as the HUD designated Responsible Entity (RE). This action directs the Mayor, as the designated certifying official, to sign the Request for Release of Funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount:

Funding Source:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

HUD grantees must comply with a prohibition on the expenditure of any HUD or nonfederal funds to program activities until HUD has completed its environmental assessment or approved the release of funds. For Special Purpose Grants recipients in Des Moines, the City of Des Moines is the Responsible Entity (RE) for performing the environmental assessment and has determined a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). As rehabilitation work contracts are initiated for individual addresses, Polk County will forward the necessary information to the Community Development Department for the completion of the environmental record for each address.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 27, 2003

Roll Call Number: 03-194

Action: Housing Services Disposition Plan Environmental Review, Finding No Significant Impact on the Environment. Moved by McPherson to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Brooks.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

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ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE