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		<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 28 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>06-</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>06-622</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Richard A. Clark, City Manager	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Resolution of Support for the Salisbury House Foundation Application for a Community and Tourism (CAT) Grant and Approval of a \$15,000 Local Contribution to be Used in Conjunction with the Grant Application.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Approval for a resolution of support for the Salisbury House Foundation application for a Vision Iowa Community and Tourism (CAT) Grant. This action also approves a \$15,000 contribution from the City of Des Moines to be used as local support in conjunction with the application.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$15,000

Funding Source: Fiscal Year 2006-07 Operating Budget, Economic Development Enterprise Fund, SP743, CMO980717, Page 310.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Salisbury House Foundation, a non-profit organization, is seeking a \$1.4 million Vision Iowa CAT grant to continue the restoration of the historic Salisbury House and Gardens as outlined in the Master Plan. The grant is requested to complete the final phase of improvements including interior finishes restoration and the stabilization of historic wood and stone surfaces. The total project cost is \$4.5 million.

This project is necessary due to 1) the building’s age and condition, 2) lack of care during its 40 years of use as an office building, and 3) the invasive work that was required to install new heating and cooling, electrical, security, fire detection and suppression systems. Additionally, the project includes improved access to the site for school buses and motor coaches, re-grading of the existing parking area to a level surface for visitor safety and improved accessibility, and the installation of perimeter fencing for increased security.

Vision Iowa requires a local contribution for CAT grant awards. This action approves a \$15,000 City of Des Moines contribution to the project, contingent upon receiving the CAT grant. Additional funding obtained by the Salisbury House Foundation to date is listed below:

- Private Donations                     \$1.2 million
- Federal Earmark                     \$250,000 (*approved by Congress, awaiting Presidential approval*)
- Polk County (requested)             \$200,000 (*anticipated for approval next week*)

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: September 6, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2136

Action: Approving additional \$15,000 contingent contribution (\$25,000 total) to the Chinese Cultural Center of America, for use in its grant application for CAT funding for the Asian Gardens: ([Council Communication No. 05-485](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 5-1-1. Nays: Vlassis.

Date: June 20, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1579

Action: Authorization and allocation of \$50,000 Grant to Polk County Board of Supervisors to be used in conjunction with a Vision Iowa CAT Grant for construction of the SDMLL Baseball Park. ([Council Communication No. 05-358](#)) Moved by Brooks to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**