



# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

October 9, 2006

Agenda Item No. 37

Roll Call No. ~~06-~~

Communication No. ~~06-626~~

Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community  
Development Director

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approving initial LIHEAP contract with the Iowa Department of Human Rights/Division of Community Action Agencies for energy related assistance for low-income residents from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the initial Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) contract by and between the Iowa Department of Human Rights/Division of Community Action Agencies and the City of Des Moines for energy related assistance for low-income persons for the period October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Additional funds will be added after Congress approves Fiscal Year 2006-07 appropriations.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$54,955 (revenue)

Funding Source: Iowa Department of Human Rights/ Division of Community Action Agencies

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The LIHEAP contract is administered by the Community Development Department, Community Services Division. \$3,840,436 was received in FY06 and 6838 households were assisted.

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.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

Date: September 26, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2339

Action: Contract No. LIHEAP-06-07-J with Iowa Department of Human Rights/Division of Community Action Agencies for energy related assistance for low-income residents from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006. ([Council Communication No. 05-545](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**