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May 7, 2007

Agenda Item No. MHGB-3
Roll Call No. 07-
Communication No. 07- 252
Submitted by: Chris M. Johansen, Housing
Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval for submission of the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the City Manager to implement the grant if awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$95,477.64

Funding Source: FY07 Operating Budget, Housing Services Grants, SP350 HSG280000, pg. 178.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency received funding last year from HUD for a full-time program coordinator to administer a Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program for Section 8 clients.

The program coordinator provides individual case management to assist clients in achieving goals to become self-sufficient. FSS Coordinators provide training, education, and job development skills to enrolled clients.

HUD requires that the Housing Agency administer a Family Self-Sufficiency Program for Section 8 clients. The Housing Agency has provided such a program since 1985 and currently provides case management to 25 clients.

Funds are available through HUD to renew last year's grant and the grant will cover the salary and fringe benefits for the one full-time program coordinator. Additionally, there are funds for Homeownership Coordinators under this grant. The DMMHA is applying for a part-time Homeownership Coordinator position, which if awarded, would be utilized for implementing DMMHA homeownership programs.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: May 9, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1099

Action: Authorizing City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Council Communication No. 05-252) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 5-3.

Date: June 7, 2004

Roll Call Number: 04-1105

Action: Authorizing City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Council Communication No. 04-279). Moved by Vlassis to approve. Motion Carried 6-2.

Date: May 19, 2003

Roll Call Number: 03-1115

Action: Approving City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit Family Self Sufficiency Grant Application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Council Communication No. 03-221). Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 5-3.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE