



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date July 23, 2007

Agenda Item No. 58
Roll Call No. 07-
Communication No. 07-440
Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community
Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Plan (application) for the 2008-2009 CSBG Program Year.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Plan (application) made to the Iowa Department of Human Rights/ Division of Community Action Agencies for the City of Des Moines Community Services Program for low-income persons from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$526,864 (revenues)

Funding Source: Revenues come through the Iowa Department of Human Rights/ Division of Community Action Agencies and are deposited to the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Operating Budget, Community Development Department, Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), SP027 CDD049900, CDD2008001, page 106.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

CSBG provides funding for the City's Community Action Agency with services delivered through the Community Development Department's Community Services Division. Services are delivered through the downtown office in the Armory Building and the Forest Avenue, Logan, and Pioneer-Columbus Community Services site offices. The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and United Way also provide funding to the City's Community Action efforts.

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):

Date: February 12, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-255

Action: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Contract (Community Action Plan) with Iowa Department of Human Rights/Division of Community Action Agencies for 2006-2007 CSBG Program Year for provision of community services to low-income persons from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. (Council Communication No. 07-063) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: July 11, 2007

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) recommended approval of CSBG Community Action Plan (application).

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Approval of CSBG contract, if awarded.