



**Council**  
**Communication**  
Office of the City Manager

**Date**

September 10, 2007

**Agenda Item No.** 75

**Roll Call No.** 07-

**Communication No.** 07-542

**Submitted by:** Richard A. Clark, City Manager

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving a contract between the City of Des Moines and the U.S. Department of Labor to create a local Multiple Education Pathways Blueprint and subcontract the implementation of the program to the Des Moines Area Community College.

**SYNOPSIS:**

At its meeting on June 4, 2007, by Roll Call No. 07-1083, the City Council approved submitting a grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration for \$300,000 of DOL funding to implement a Multiple Education Pathways Blueprint. The City was notified on June 28, 2007, that the application has been approved for \$491,666. It is now necessary to authorize the mayor to sign the grant agreement, submit a revised budget incorporating the additional funds, and approve a sub-recipient agreement with the Des Moines Area Community College to implement the program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$491,666 (Pass Through Revenue)

Funding Source: Department of Labor – Employment Training Administration. The accounts to implement the grant will be established upon receipt of the grant.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Department of Labor is providing grants to six cities across the country to “blueprint” and implement systems that can connect young people who have dropped out of high school to alternative learning opportunities. Each city will receive \$491,666. Efforts will be focused on engaging youth in career preparation and encouraging them to pursue postsecondary education. This funding is intended to serve as a catalyst and will bring together community partners including DMACC, Des Moines Public Schools, Iowa Comprehensive Human Services, Urban Dreams, PACE, United Way, Iowa Employment Services, Iowa Workforce Development, Greater Des Moines Partnership, and several other public and private groups that provide education and training services to youth.

Only cities were allowed to apply for the funds. The City will administer the grant and will be the fiscal agent along with monitoring and reporting. Assistant City Manager, Michael Matthes, will be the Project Director and provide oversight of the Project Coordinator to be hired by DMACC. Administrative costs to the City will be reimbursed by up to 10% of the grant. Like the City, DMACC has considerable experience in administering federal grants and will have written agreements with the lead agencies responsible for coordinating employment, juvenile justice, education and social/support services.

The program will provide an opportunity to connect at-risk youth to services that will help them succeed in the workplace and in life.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: June 4, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07- 1083

Action: Submittal of a Multiple Education Pathways Blueprint Grant from the United States Department of Labor. (Council Communication No. 07-346) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**