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**Roll Call No.** 07-  
**Communication No.** 07-588  
**Submitted by:** Chris M. Johansen, Housing  
Services Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval to execute the Disaster Housing Assistance Program Grant Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to administer the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP).

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval to execute the Disaster Housing Assistance Program Grant Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to administer the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: The subsidy from FEMA for Housing Assistance Payments will depend upon the number of eligible families in Des Moines. The DMMHA will receive \$92/month/family for case management, a \$1000 placement fee/family, and 15% of the initial estimated housing assistance payment.

Funding Source: 100% of the subsidy to operate this program will come from FEMA. Funds will be deposited in: 2007-2008 Operating, Housing Services, Section 8, pg. 177, SP350 HSG190000

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On October 10, 2005, the DMMHA started the Disaster Voucher Program to assist with HUD-assisted families displaced by Hurricane Katrina. This program has provided rental assistance to such families in our community.

The DHAP is a new program developed by FEMA through an interagency agreement with HUD to provide housing assistance payments for families receiving assistance from FEMA. The total number of families eligible for this assistance will likely be less than fifteen.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**