



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

September 24, 2007

Agenda Item No. 31
Roll Call No. 07-
Communication No. 07-591
Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Director
Community Development

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 persons from October 1, 2007 to September 3, 2008.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the initial 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 from October 1, 2007 to September 3, 2008; additional funds will be added after Congress approves FY08 appropriations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$41,166

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. In FY07, \$2,459,902 was received with 6,407 households 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 origins 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 that serve Iowa.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 9, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-1984

Action: [LIHEAP](#) Contract with Iowa Department of Human Rights/Division of Community Action Agencies for provision of energy related assistance to low-income persons during the period from

October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. ([Council Communication No. 06-626](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE