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Agenda Item No. MHGB3
Roll Call No. 07-
Communication No. 07-690
Submitted by: Chris M. Johansen, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit proposed payment standards for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to revise and submit the proposed payment standards for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$468,900 (estimated)

Funding Source: FY 2008 Operating Budget, Section 8, Des Moines Public Housing Agency Fund, Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments, p. 177, SP350 HSG 190000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) is required by HUD to establish payment standards by bedroom size for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. Further, the Federal regulations require that housing agencies review their payment standards annually. The payment standard is used to calculate the monthly housing assistance payment for a family under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. The range of possible payment standard amounts is based on HUD's published fair market rent (FMR) schedules.

The current payment standards represent 96-109% of the FMRs and are within the HUD guidelines (payment standards must be between 90% and 110% of the FMRs). The revised payment standards will represent 90-105% of the FMRs.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: July 10, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-1286

Action: Authorizing Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit proposed payment standards for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Council Communication No. 06-403) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-1.

Date: June 7, 2004

Roll Call Number: 04-1104

Action: Authorizing Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to revise and submit proposed payment standards for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Council Communication No. 04-278). Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-2.

Date: November 18, 2002

Roll Call Number: 02-2663

Action: Approving an increase in payment standards for Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency's Section 8 Voucher Program, in response to the increase in the published Fair Market Rents. (Council Communication No. 02-602). Moved by Coleman to approve. Motion Carried 7-1. Absent: Clark.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE