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Agenda Item No. MHGB4
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Communication No. 08-145
Submitted by: Chris M. Johansen, Housing
Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval for submission of an application for thirty-five (35) Section 8 Housing Vouchers to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) an application for thirty-five (35) Section 8 Housing vouchers and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute and implement the funding if awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$186,618 (estimate based on current average costs)

Funding Source: FY07-08 Operating Budget, Housing Services Department, Section 8, pg. 177, SP350 HSG190000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) has received funding from HUD since March 25, 1969 for Section 8 rental assistance programs.

The 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, enacted December 26, 2007, provided \$75 million dollar of funding for HUD- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers.

On March 13, 2008, DMMHA was invited by HUD to apply for thirty –five (35) Housing vouchers to be used for the HUD-VASH program in partnership with the Central Iowa VA Medical Center (VAMC).

The HUD-VASH program combines HUD Housing vouchers for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Veterans Affairs at its medical centers and in the community. Ongoing VA case management, health and other supportive services will be made available to homeless veterans. The VAMC will refer all eligible HUD-VASH families.

The vouchers will entitle DMMHA to HUD funding in the approximate amount of \$186,618.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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