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Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to contribute \$125,000 to the Home Restoration Program to be operated by the Polk County Trust Fund for flood damaged residential properties in the Birdland area.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend authorization to contribute \$125,000 to the Home Restoration Program to be operated by the Polk County Trust Fund for flood damaged home repairs for Birdland property homeowners.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$125,000

Funding Source: 2008-2009 Operating Budget, Page 174, Housing Services Department Disposed Homes, HSG021500.

2008-2009 Operating Budget, Page 176, Housing Services Department Central Office, HSG029000.

2008-2009 Operating Budget, Page 177, Housing Services Department Section 8, HSG190000.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Polk County Housing Trust, working with the City and County elected officials and staff, has developed a special program to assist homeowners with flood damaged properties. Assistance is being provided to those residents affected by the 2008 flood in the form of gap funding determined by the difference in the total cost of the rehabilitation and the funds received from FEMA, Polk County Emergency Repair and City funding. Polk County will be the lead agency in assisting the 16 households that have been identified through rehabilitation assessments conducted by City and County staff.

The assistance will be in the form of forgivable loans. Funds will be paid directly to contractors at the completion of the project or as reimbursement to self-rehabilitators at the completion of the project.

Those units found to have children less than six years of age will be inspected by a Certified Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor to determine potential lead hazards. Should lead hazards be identified, the use of a contractor certified in Lead Safe Work Practices will be required.

The program is being funded by:

1. Ridin' the Storm Out proceeds

The \$550,000 committed from the "Ridin' the Storm Out" concert sponsored by Prairie Meadows and Polk County will be utilized to provide long-term rehabilitation assistance.

2. Embrace Iowa

Initial application for \$125,000 will be submitted by Polk County Housing Trust Fund to fund immediate needs. (i.e. reimburse Polk County Emergency Repair Program). Applications will be submitted for any additional funds available from this program as available and needed.

3. Polk County Emergency Repair Program

Program guidelines relating to income and assessed value were suspended on June 12th to allow the immediate needs of affected homes to be met. Polk County has expended funds in excess of \$90,000 to date and anticipates additional expenditures in excess of \$100,000.

At this time DMMHA staff has identified \$125,000 of funding in their Central Office to meet the gap identified. This funding is non-federal and was received by the DMMHA for their role as contract monitors for Logan Park Apartments. However, the DMMHA is currently working with HUD to seek approval for the utilization of Section 8 Administrative Fee Reserves and sales proceeds from the sale of Public Housing units.

The DMMHA will be requiring the Polk County Housing Trust Fund to provide documentation on how the \$125,000 was spent within 12 months of receipt of this funding.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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