



# Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 32

Roll Call No. 08-

Communication No. 08-468

Submitted by: Larry D. Hulse, Community  
Development Director

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the United Way of Central Iowa Investment Agreement for FY 2008-2009.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Council Approval of the United Way of Central Iowa Investment Agreement for FY 2008-2009 for the Community Development Department's Community Action Program. The program will be administered through the Community Development Department's Community Services Division, from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, in the amount of \$21,994.04. The funds will support the site office operations including staff costs.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$21,994.04

Funding Source: Funding from the United Way of Central Iowa will be deposited to the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Operating Budget, Community Development Department, Community Services Block Grants, page 104.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The United Way of Central Iowa provides funding for the City's Community Action Agency with services delivered through the Community Development Department's Community Services Division. Services are delivered through the downtown office in the Armory Building and the Forest Avenue, Logan, and Archie Brooks Community Services site offices. The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) also provide funding to the City's Community Action efforts.

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 beginnings 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 serving Iowa.

United Way of Central Iowa's Investment Agreement requires that the City's Community Action Agency use the funding received in compliance with applicable federal anti-terrorist financing and asset control

laws, including but not limited to the USA PATRIOT Act. This stipulation is included in the Anti-Terrorism Compliance Measures form to be signed and executed by the Mayor.

In addition, United Way of Central Iowa requires funding recipients such as the City's Community Action Agency to sign and acknowledge understanding of the Community Investment Manual July 2008 that is submitted by the Community Services Division of the Community Development Department along with the Investment Agreement. This Manual sets forth United Way's policies and procedures for use of its funding with which the Community Action Agency is expected to comply. The Community Investment Manual July 2008 is to be signed and executed by the Community Development Director and his designee.

United Way of Central Iowa also requires that its funding recipients comply with a Diversity Policy accomplished in Roll Call 06-1782.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: July 23, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-1406

Action: United Way of Central Iowa Community Investment Agreement for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. (Council Communication No. 07-441) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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