



# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

October 13, 2008

Agenda Item No. 38

Roll Call No. 08-

Communication No. 08-590

Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Director  
Community Development

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approving initial LIHEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) contract with the Iowa Department of Human Rights/Division of Community Action Agencies for energy-related assistance for low-income persons from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend City Council 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, 2008 to September 30, 2009; additional funds will be added after Congress approves FY08 appropriations.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$91,504

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 FY08, \$3,089,691 was received with 6,438 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: September 24, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-591

Action: Fiscal Year 2007-08 LIHEAP contract with Iowa Department of Human Rights/Division of Community Action Agencies. (Council Communication No. 07-591) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

For more information on this and other agenda items, please call the City Clerk's Office at 515-283-4209 or visit the Clerk's Office on the second floor of City Hall, 400 Robert D Ray Drive. Council agendas are available to the public at the City Clerk's Office on Thursday afternoon preceding Monday's Council meeting. Citizens can also request to receive meeting notices and agendas by email by calling the Clerk's Office or sending their request via email to [cityclerk@dmgov.org](mailto:cityclerk@dmgov.org).