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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 28 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>08-</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>08-629</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Larry Hulse, Community Development Director	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving “Jumpstart Housing Assistance Program Sub-Grantee Agreement” between the City of Des Moines and Home Opportunities Made Easy, Inc. (HOME, Inc) and the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA).

**SYNOPSIS:**

Under the Jumpstart Housing Assistance Program up to nine households in Des Moines may be eligible for Interim Mortgage Assistance. Under this sub-grantee agreement, attached as Exhibit A, the City of Des Moines would refer eligible applicants to HOME, Inc to verify their need for the program, negotiate with lending institutions and recommend the amount of assistance the homeowner is eligible for. Because HOME, Inc is a certified mortgage counselor under the Iowa Mortgage Help program, HOME, Inc is in a better position to work with these homeowners and their lenders and there will be no cost associated with this service.

**FISCAL IMPACT: NONE**

Amount: There will be no cost to the City of Des Moines for this service. HOME, Inc will be reimbursed for services provided to these applicants under their current contract with the Iowa Finance Authority under the Iowa Mortgage Help Program as outlined in the agreement, attached as Exhibit A.

Funding Source: N/A

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On September 30, 2008 by Roll Call 08-1711 Council approved the Jumpstart Housing Assistance Program Grant Agreement with the Iowa Finance Authority which provided funding for three housing programs to assist residents impacted by the flooding events this summer. Additional funding for these three programs was provided by the approval of the CDBG Housing Disaster Recovery Fund Contract with Iowa Department of Economic Development on October 13, 2008 by Roll Call 08-1810. The programs created, Jumpstart Housing Assistance, will allow Des Moines residents impacted by this summer’s floods to access assistance for down payment assistance, housing repair/rehabilitation, and interim mortgage assistance. This program is for owner-occupied households that have been approved by FEMA for housing assistance. At this time, it is anticipated that the funding will mainly be used for housing repair/rehabilitation.

While the majority of funds will be used for housing repair/rehabilitation, up to nine homes in the Four Mile Creek area are being proposed for buy-out. These nine homes were included in a pre-application made to the State Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The State has given authorization to proceed with a

final application which will be brought before Council at a later date. While these homeowners are waiting to see if the funding to buy-out their homes is approved, they may be eligible for the Interim Mortgage Assistance Program under which they can receive up to \$1,000 a month for a total of 12 months to cover the carry costs of their damaged property. City Staff has sent a letter to each homeowner on the proposed buy-out list indicating their possible eligibility for this program. Under this sub-grantee agreement, HOME, Inc will help administer this program with the roles and responsibilities outlined within the agreement, attached as Exhibit A.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: October 13, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1810

Action: Approving CDBG Housing Disaster Recovery Fund Contract with Iowa Department of Economic Development. Sponsor: Mahaffey. (Council Communication No. 08-628) Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

Date: September 30, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1711

Action: Approving Jumpstart Housing Assistance Program Grant Agreement and Application for Jumpstart Small Business Assistance and CDBG Supplemental Funds to assist with recovery efforts due to flooding. Sponsor: Mahaffey. (Council Communication No. 08-589) Moved by Mahaffey to refer to the City Manager to review energy efficiency and elevation of the homes and businesses. Motion Carried 6-1.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Request to approve and submit application for funds from the State Hazard Mitigation Program to buy-out up to nine homes provided the homeowner agrees to participate in the program.

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