



# Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 41  
Roll Call No. 09-  
Communication No. 09-396  
Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community  
Development Director

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) Grant to the Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend to accept the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and determinations for the SHOP Grant funds for land acquisition by the Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity. The Community Development Department performs the environmental review as the HUD designated Responsible Entity (RE).

## FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Since 1996, Habitat for Humanity International, Congress and HUD, have worked together through the SHOP. From the inception of the program, 1,331 Habitat affiliates throughout the United States have been awarded SHOP grants totaling \$107.6 million. Habitat affiliates apply for SHOP funds through Habitat for Humanity International.

The Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity Affiliate received a 2008 award of \$150,000 SHOP grant funds for land acquisition for the construction of single-family new homes in Des Moines.

HUD grantees must comply with a prohibition on the expenditure of any HUD or nonfederal funds to program activities until HUD has completed its environmental review or approved the release of funds. For SHOP Grant recipients in Des Moines the City of Des Moines is the Responsible Entity (RE) for performing the environmental review and has determined that the project is Categorical Excluded subject to Sect. 58.5 of the federal environmental review procedures under 24CFR Part 58.35. This action directs the Mayor, as the designated certifying official, to sign the Environmental Certification and the Request for Release of Funds.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 25, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-311

Action: Notice of Intent to request release of funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) Grant to Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity. Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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