

Emergency Assistance Program: Provide to families in need financial assistance to obtain needed items such as beds, auto repair, eye glasses, or dental expenses. This is an expansion of the seasonal Embrace Iowa program.

Personal Pantry: Expand the existing personal pantry program to serve the increased number of families in need of personal hygiene and household cleaning products.

Removal and Replacement of High Risk Trees: Remove high-risk/hazard trees on the property of low-income families. Replacement trees will be planted on the same property. This project was modeled after a successful 2008 Des Moines Neighborhood Resource Office and DNR pilot project.

Four Mile Water Shed Project: Working in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department. CSBG-ARRA will fund Parks Department employees who will restore the woodland buffer and convert some turf areas into native plantings along a section of Four Mile Creek. Enhancing the creek's native plant communities will improve storm water runoff quality and reduce runoff volume.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 18, 2009

Roll Call Number: 37

Action: Iowa Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) FY 2009 CSBG American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Agency Plan. (Council Communication No. 09-299) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

Date: March 9, 2009

Roll Call Number: 25

Action: CSBG Contract (Community Action Plan) with Iowa Department of Human Rights for 2008-2009 CSBG Program Year. (Council Communication No. 09-142) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: July 1, 2009

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Approval of the Iowa Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) FY 2009 CSBG American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) contract.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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