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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> <b>MHGB4</b> <b>Roll Call No.</b> <b>09-</b> <b>Communication No.</b> <b>09-814</b> <b>Submitted by:</b> <b>Chris M. Johansen, Assistant</b> <b>City Manager</b>	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Authorizing City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit the Family Unification Program Grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, approving of the Memorandum of Understanding with Iowa Department of Human Services – Polk County, and approving an amendment to the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan to include the Family Unification Program Fair Housing Addendum.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval for submission of the Family Unification Program grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and authorization for the Mayor or his designee, to execute and the City Manager to implement the grant and Memorandum of Understanding with the Iowa Department of Human Services – Polk County if awarded. Recommend approval of an amendment to the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency’s Administrative Plan to include the Family Unification Program Fair Housing Addendum.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$491,964 (based on average costs)

Funding Source: 2009-10 Operating Budget: Housing Services Department - Section 8, SP350 HSG190000, Page 139.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) has received funding from HUD since March 25, 1969 for Section 8 rental assistance programs. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced funding availability for Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers through the Family Unification Program notice on September 30, 2009.

The Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers under this funding availability will assist families who are separated from their children because of homelessness or inadequate housing and for individuals age 18 through 21 transitioning from foster care. The City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency is applying for funding for one hundred (100) vouchers per the criteria of the funding availability notice. The vouchers will entitle DMMHA to HUD funding in the approximate amount of \$491,964.

HUD’s Family Unification Program (FUP) is administered through local level partnerships between public housing authorities and public child welfare agencies. A requirement of the grant application is

the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between DMMHA and a Public Child Welfare Agency responsible for determining that a child is at imminent risk of placement in out-of-home care or that a child in out-of-home care may be returned to his/her family, or that an eighteen through twenty-one year old individual is transitioning from foster care. The Iowa Department of Human Services – Polk County has agreed to provide the required services of the notice of funding availability.

As an additional requirement for submitting a grant application for funding, housing agencies must include a Family Unification Program Fair Housing Addendum. The Addendum will add language to the Equal Opportunity Housing Plan attachment to the Administrative Plan. The Fair Housing for the Family Unification Program Addendum outlines steps DMMHA will take to affirmatively further fair housing for persons assisted under the grant.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Date: January 26, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-050

Action: Approving an amendment to the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan to include the Code of Conduct and the Non-Elderly Disabled Person Fair Housing Addendum. (Board Communication No. 09-034) Moved by Mahaffey to approve. Motion Carried 5-3.

Date: July 28, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1282

Action: Approving amendment to City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan to revise the processing of unreported income. (Board Communication No. 08-454) Moved by Vlassis to approve. Motion Carried 7-1.

Date: June 9, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-946

Action: Approving an Amendment to the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan to include the Family Self-Sufficiency Program Fair Housing Addendum. (Board Communication No. 08-349) Moved by Vlassis to approve. Motion Carried 8-0.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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