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	Agenda Item No. 30 Roll Call No. <u>09-</u> Communication No. <u>09-854</u> Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community Development Director	

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing the signature of an addendum to the agreement DM120508Lead or DM120508Minor between the City of Des Moines and the Polk County Housing Trust Fund (PCHTF) to include an additional \$72,000 in I-JOBS funds for home modifications for low and moderate income elderly and disabled households.

SYNOPSIS:

The additional funds provided in this grant agreement addendum will provide additional funds for modifications for homes owned by low and moderate income elderly and disabled people. These funds will be used in conjunction with two existing programs: The Minor Home Repair Loan Program and the Owner Occupied Lead Remediation Program, administered by City of Des Moines Neighborhood Conservation Services. These funds will be used for home adaptations such as ramps, accessible showers/tubs, handrails and other modifications that will allow people to stay in their homes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$72,000

Funding Source: Polk County Housing Trust Fund (PCHTF)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Minor Home Repair Loan Program targets low income households most at risk of losing their homes. A maximum of \$9,000 per house subsidy allows the household to mitigate the immediate problem and to remain in the house. The average subsidy per house in 2009 has been around \$7,800. These new funds from the PCHTF fund will allow additional funds for home modifications that may be needed, allowing the total per-project cost cap to be higher.

The Owner Occupied Lead Remediation Program is intended to complete the necessary rehabilitation work for eligible low income homeowners that have homes identified as the primary residence of a child under the age of six with elevated blood lead (EBL), at an average cost of \$40,000 to \$50,000 per unit. These new funds from the PCHTF fund will also allow additional funds to be added to these projects for home modifications that may be needed, allowing the total per-project cost cap to be higher.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 11, 2009

Roll Call Number: 08-2007 and 08-2008

Action: Submission of \$175,000 Grant Applications to the Polk County Housing Trust Fund for the following:

(A) Lead-Based Paint Control Program offered jointly with the Polk County Health Department.
Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 5-2.

(B) City of Des Moines Minor Repair Loan Program. (Council Communication No. 08-682)
Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 5-2.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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