



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No.	23
Roll Call No.	<u>10-</u>
Communication No.	<u>10-023</u>
Submitted by: Larry Hulse	
Community Development Director	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Contract for the 2010 CSBG Program Year.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the CSBG Community Action Contract made to the Iowa Department of Human Rights/Division of Community Action Agencies for the City of Des Moines Community Services Program for low-income persons from October 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$547,337 (revenues)

Funding Source: CSBG through the Iowa Department of Human Rights/Division of Community Action Agencies, deposited to the FY10 Operating Budget, Community Services Block Grants – SP027, CDD049900, CSBG2010001, page 70.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

CSBG provides funding for the City's Community Action Agency with services delivered through the Community Development Department's Community Services Division. Services are delivered through the downtown office in the Armory Building and the Forest Avenue, Logan, Pioneer Columbus and Four Mile Community Services site offices. CSBG funding is leveraged with the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and United Way, which also provide funding to the City's Community Action efforts. CSBG funds provide the necessary staff support so that 100% of funds from sources such as the City franchise and MidAmerican I-CARE funds can be used solely to assist households in maintaining heating and electrical service. In addition to the many other programs and services provided by the Community Services division, CSBG funds also help support, in conjunction with donations and/or grants, the personal pantries at the Forest and Logan offices, the City's holiday basket and garden projects, and assist households in maintaining heating and electrical service.

The Community Services Division operates as the Community Action Agency for the City of Des Moines. It is charged with providing services to the City's low-income families and trying to address and eliminate causes of poverty. The City became a public Community Action Agency in 1977.

The origin of Community Action can be found in the signing of the federal Equal Opportunity Act in 1964. There are now 1,000 Community Action Agencies in the U.S. The City of Des Moines is one of eighteen Community Action Agencies serving Iowa.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 18, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-856

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.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: May 6, 2009

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) recommended approval of FY10 CSBG Community Action Plan (application).

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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