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	Agenda Item No. 33 Roll Call No. <u>10-</u> Communication No. <u>10-073</u> 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 City Council 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 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), have worked together through the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (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 has applied for 2009 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 Categorically 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: June 08, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-995

Action: 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. (Council Communication No. 09-396) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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