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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 31 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>10-</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>10-091</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Matt Anderson, Economic Development Administrator	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Resolution approving the following applications for Enterprise Zone Benefits for housing projects in the City of Des Moines:

1. Common Bond Communities: Rehabilitation of 60 apartment units at 1401 Capital and 1415 Des Moines Street in the SE AgriBusiness Enterprise Zone
2. South View Senior Apartments: Construction of 40 apartment units at 1900 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Street in the River South Enterprise Zone
3. Brownstones on Grand: Construction of 16 apartment units at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Watson Powell Drive in the Gateway Enterprise Zone

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the applications, as follows:

- 1.) Common Bond Communities (Ellen Higgins, Vice President, 328 Kellogg Blvd. West, St. Paul, MN 55102) for Enterprise Zone benefits for a \$7.6 million dollar project rehabilitating 60 apartment units at 1401 Capital and 1415 Des Moines Street in the SE AgriBusiness Enterprise Zone.
- 2.) South View Senior Apartments (John Mauro, Partner, 2611 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines IA 50312) for Enterprise Zone benefits for a \$5.8 million dollar project constructing 40 apartment units at 1900 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Street in the River South Enterprise Zone.
- 3.) Brownstones on Grand (Rick Tollakson, President, 6900 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, IA 50266) for Enterprise Zone benefits for a \$3.35M project in the Gateway Enterprise Zone.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: These are State of Iowa tax credits and have no impact on the general fund of the City of Des Moines.

Funding Source: All are funded by the State of Iowa Enterprise Zone program.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On January 25, 2010, City Council approved application for the Iowa Department of Economic Development for two amended Enterprise Zones (SE AgriBusiness and River South). Two of the projects on this agenda item are included in the two amended zones.

A total of 56 new apartment units will be added through these projects, as well as the substantial rehabilitation of another 60 units. The total construction cost of the projects combined is approximately \$17 million dollars. Construction is scheduled to begin on the projects in summer 2010.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: January 25, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-115

Action: Approving Applications to the Iowa Housing Finance Authority requesting Low Income Housing Tax Credits as follows:

- (A) CommonBond Communities for rehabilitation of 60 units of existing low income housing at 1415 Des Moines Street and 1401 Capitol Avenue. Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 25, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-153

Action: (A) Expanded SE Agribusiness Enterprise Zone. Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 25, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-154

Action: (B) Proposed River South Enterprise Zone. Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

The Enterprise Zone Commission is scheduled to meet March 4, 2010 to review the applications. Following this review, the applications will be forwarded to the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

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