CITY OF DES MOINES	Council Communication Office of the City Manager	Date	April 26, 2010
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AGENDA HEADING:

Ratifying Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) match for property acquisition contracts with Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED), and approving and authorizing execution of contract amendments thereto.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend ratifying CDBG HMGP match for property acquisition contracts with IDED, and approving and authorizing execution of contract amendments thereto. These actions are required in order to remain eligible for these grant funds, which provide for 100% of the state and local funding match for property acquisition costs under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) HMGP. Under the original grant agreements, FEMA was responsible for 25% of the match, the State of Iowa for 10%, with the remaining 15% covered by the City using CDBG funds. The IDED has amended the CDBG Disaster Recovery Hazard Mitigation contracts, which provide for continued FEMA funding of 75%, but the remaining 25% will now be covered under the City's match using CDBG funds administered by the IDED. These grant amendments will help streamline the local match grant reimbursement process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,082,605 estimated for acquisition, closing costs, relocation, and demolition.

Funding Source: 75% by FEMA, 25% by City as the local match using State CDBG funds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures following a Presidential disaster declaration to allow measures to be implemented during recovery that will limit damages in the future. The City of Des Moines currently has two HMGP grant agreements with FEMA in order to purchase twelve flood-damaged properties in the Four Mile Area.

The City has completed the acquisition of all twelve properties under this program, and is expected to complete the demolition process for the final property by May 31, 2010.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 18, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-842

<u>Action</u>: <u>Approving</u> and authorizing execution of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Agreements and HMGP Administrative Plan and authorizing voluntary property acquisition. (<u>Council Communication No. 09-345</u>) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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