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	Agenda Item No. 28F Roll Call No. <u>10-1146</u> Communication No. <u>10-419</u> Submitted by: Douglas Romig, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the recommendation to award the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded High Risk Tree removal program to Wright Outdoor Solutions, Brian McGinness, Owner, 8000 Raccoon River Drive, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of the recommendation to award Des Moines’ Community Action Agency, the Community Services division, CSBG ARRA funded High Risk Tree removal program to Wright Outdoor Solutions, to be completed by September 15, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$124,784

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, CSBGARRA001, page 72.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

CSBG provides funding for the City’s Community Action Agency with services delivered through the Housing Services Department’s Community Services Division. Services are delivered through the downtown office in the Armory Building, and the Sixth, Logan, Pioneer Columbus and Four Mile Community Services site offices. The CSBG ARRA contract totaling \$875,471 is providing funding for programs and services to low-income households during the period of the CSBG ARRA funding (July 27, 2009 through September 30, 2010). Programming includes the High Risk Tree removal and replacement program, the financial education program – Financial Foundations, the Experience Greater Des Moines card and providing labor for the Park and Recreation Department water shed improvement projects.

The High Risk Trees program was modeled after a successful 2008 Des Moines Neighborhood Resource Office and DNR pilot project. The program is designed to remove trees with the potential of causing risk to property or life located on low-income owner occupied properties. Fifty-eight applications in which homeowners requested removal of 172 trees which they identified as dead, diseased or severely damaged were taken March 15, 2010 through April 14, 2010. Consultation occurred between the Public Works

Department, Forestry Division, and the City-hired consultant, Clint Miller, Healthy Tree Consulting, to evaluate the client-designated trees. The visual assessment rated 139 of the 172 trees as dead, diseased or severely damaged and in need of removal.

On June 14, 2010, the City of Des Moines Purchasing Division issued Bid No. V10-110 "Tree Removal Services" to 14 companies and 3 responses were returned. The Housing Services Department along with the City's Procurement Administrator are recommending acceptance of the bid to Wright Outdoor Solutions, as lowest compliant bidder.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 27, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1334

Action: [Iowa](#) Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) FY 2009 CSBG American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Contract. ([Council Communication No. 09-500](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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: July 1, 2009

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Approval of the Iowa Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) FY 2009 CSBG American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) contract.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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