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	Agenda Item No. 62 Roll Call No. <u>10-1334</u> Communication No. <u>10-503</u> Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Assistant City Manager

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to collaborate in a multi-jurisdictional application for a Federal Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SYNOPSIS:

Staff recommends approval of a resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with a consortium of regional entities (made up of the Steering Committee noted below) for the purpose of submitting an application for a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant sponsored by the U.S. Department of HUD in the amount of up to \$5 million.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Up to \$5,000,000 for the total grant amount which will be administered by the Metropolitan Planning Organization, (MPO). The grant requires a minimum of 20% of the grant amount as matching funds from the consortium. The match may all be in-kind contributions provided by participating communities and agencies.

Funding Source: Des Moines’ contribution to the required 20% match will be comprised of staff time and overhead from within the normal operating budget of the Community Development Department and is estimated at thirty-two hours per week allocated among various staff persons at various phases of the planning project, which is anticipated to require three years to complete.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 provided \$100 million to the U.S. Department of HUD for a new Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to support regional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation and infrastructure investments in a manner that empowers jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of economic competitiveness and revitalization; social equity, inclusion and access to opportunity; energy use and climate change; and, public health and environmental impacts. The program places a priority on investing in partnerships, including nontraditional partnerships and bringing new voices to the regional planning process.

A maximum of \$5 million may be awarded to an individual jurisdiction to conduct such efforts.

Applicants must provide 20 percent of the requested funding amount in leveraged resources in the form of cash and/or verified in-kind contributions, or a combination of these sources. In-kind contributions may be in the form of staff time, donated materials or services and cash contributions may come from any combination of local, State and/or Federal funds, and/or private and philanthropic contributions dedicated to the express purposes of this proposal. Appropriation of such funds for that purpose can be utilized as match for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant in addition to staff time.

A “steering committee” for the application has been formed and will be the consortium for the purpose of the grant application, a requirement to apply for this program. The committee members are:

Des Moines: Mayor Cownie (vice chairperson), Councilman Mahaffey, Councilman Coleman, and Rick Clark, City Manager.

Polk County: Angela Connolly (chairperson)

MPO Chairperson: Ted Ohmart

Warren County: Ruth Randleman

Dallas County: Brad Golightly

Western Suburbs: Russ Trimble, Bob Andeweg

Northern Suburb: Paula Dierenfeld

Eastern Suburb: Tom Hockensmith

Greater Des Moines Partnership: Martha Willits

Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: Barry Griswell

Center on Sustainable Communities: Lynnae Hentzen

The application deadline for the U.S. Department of HUD’s Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program is August 23, 2010.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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