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	Agenda Item No. MHGB6 Roll Call No. <u>10-1348</u> Communication No. <u>10-539</u> Submitted by: Douglas C. Romig, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving expenditure of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) Endowment Fund interest earnings as last money for temporary disaster related housing of Section 8 clients.

SYNOPSIS:

Approving the expenditure of DMMHA Endowment Fund interest earnings for temporary disaster related housing of Section 8 clients impacted by the loss of their rental units due to the Presidential declared natural disaster for Des Moines/Polk County, Iowa.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$35,230

Funding Source: Municipal Housing Agency, Disposed Homes, SP350, HSG021500, FY2010-11 Recommended Operating Budget, page 136.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Due to the recent flooding event and the Presidential natural disaster declaration for Des Moines/Polk County, Iowa, the DMMHA has 23 Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 families that have lost their housing. Those clients have been released from their current lease and are actively looking for new housing.

The DMMHA contacted the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requesting approval of emergency housing funding for up to two months to provide temporary housing for those clients impacted by the flood, thereby allowing them temporary shelter while they use their Section 8 voucher to look for permanent rental units. On Tuesday, August 17, 2010, the DMMHA received an e-mail notice from the HUD Special Application Center (SAC) that the request for using the Agency's endowment fund interest earnings for temporary housing to the clients impacted by the natural disaster was approved. Staff is recommending that these funds be the last fiscal resource as the American Red Cross and Polk County Health Department have limited funding for temporary emergency housing.

Staff has developed a written communication (attached to Roll Call) for the Section 8 clients to take to local hotels, extended stay properties and/or monthly housing rental locations within Polk County. The Agency will use the approved Housing Choice Voucher Program Payment Standards to provide up to

two months of housing assistance while the clients seek permanent housing with their vouchers. The Agency's current payment standards and number of those impacted by the flood are broken out below:

Family Size	# of Families	Payment Standard	# Months	Total
One (1) bedroom	11	\$ 545.00	2	\$11,990
Two (2) bedroom	01	\$ 690.00	2	\$ 1,380
Three (3) bedroom	09	\$ 970.00	2	\$17,460
Four (4) bedroom	02	\$1,100.00	2	\$ 4,400
Total maximum fiscal impact:				\$35,230

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 23, 2004

Roll Call Number: 04-341

Action: Approval of the "Policy for the Use of Proceeds from Disposition of Public Housing Program Units" and authorize development of a Section 32 Plan for submittal to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ([Council Communication No. 04-090](#)). Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 8-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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