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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>35</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>10-1851</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>10-676</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Douglas C. Romig Housing Services Director</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Plan (application) for the 2011 CSBG Program Year

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Plan (application) made to the Iowa Department of Human Rights/ Division of Community Action Agencies for the City of Des Moines Community Services Program for low-income persons from October 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$588,069 (revenues)

Funding Source: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) through the Iowa Department of Human Rights/ Division of Community Action Agencies, deposited to the FY11 Operating Budget, Community Services Block Grants – SP027, CDD049900, CSBG2011001, page 72.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Des Moines Community Action Agency is charged with providing services to the City's low-income families through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding to assist low-income families and individuals with basic energy, food, shelter needs and working towards achieving self-sufficiency. The City became a public Community Action Agency (CAA) in 1977. The origin of Community Action can be found in the signing of the federal Equal Opportunity Act in 1964. There are now 1,000 Community Action Agencies in the U.S. The City of Des Moines is one of eighteen Community Action Agencies serving Iowa.

CSBG provides funding for Des Moines Community Action Agency. Services are delivered through the Sixth Avenue, Logan, Pioneer Columbus and Four Mile Community Action Agency site offices. CSBG funding is leveraged with the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and United Way, which also provide funding to the City's Community Action efforts. CSBG funds provide the necessary staff support so that 100% of funds from sources such as the City franchise and MidAmerican I-CARE funds can be used solely to assist households in maintaining heating and electrical service. In addition to the many other programs and services provided by Des Moines Community Action Agency, CSBG funds also help support, in

conjunction with donations and/or grants, the personal pantries at the Sixth Avenue and Logan offices, the City's holiday basket and garden projects, and assist households in maintaining heating and electrical service.

CSBG plan and application are written on a two year grant cycle. The plan and application for the program years 2010-2011 was approved by Council on May 18, 2009. This is the mid-year plan and application. Funding for fiscal year 2010 (October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011) is \$581,593.

Past years funding:	FY09	\$ 588,069
	FY08	\$ 547,337
	FY07	\$ 526,864

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: January 25, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-113

Action: [Community](#) Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Contract for the 2010 CSBG Program Year. ([Council Communication No.10-023](#)) Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: May 18, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-857

Action: [Community](#) Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Plan Application for the 2010 CSBG Program Year. ([Council Communication No. 09-300](#)) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

### **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Date: July 7, 2010

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) recommended approval of FY11 CSBG Community Services Action Plan (application).

### **ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Approval of CSBG contract, if awarded.

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