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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> M2 <b>Roll Call No.</b> [ _____ ] <b>Communication No.</b> <u>10-698</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> <b>Douglas C. Romig</b> <b>Housing Services</b> <b>Director</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Authorizing City of Des Moines Municipal Housing agency to submit the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend Municipal Housing Governing Board approval for submission of the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the City Manager to implement the grant if awarded.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$167,473

Funding Source: Grant funding from HUD, FY2010-11 Recommended Operating Budget: Housing Services Department-Section 8, SP350 HSG190000, Page 141.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency received funding last year from HUD for two full-time program Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinators to administer the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program for Section 8 clients.

The FSS program coordinators provide individual case management to assist clients in achieving goals to become self-sufficient. FSS Coordinators provide training, education, and job development skills to enrolled clients.

Beginning in 1993, HUD required Public Housing Agencies to administer a Family Self Sufficiency Program for a mandatory number of Section 8 participants. As of July 2010, DMMHA is no longer required to administer a Family Self-Sufficiency Program for Section 8 participants as DMMHA served the number of mandatory clients through the Section 8 Family Self Sufficiency Program. Through this grant application, DMMHA will continue the Section 8 Family Self Sufficiency Program as a voluntary program. DMMHA currently provides case management to 75 Section 8 FSS participants.

Funds are available through HUD to renew the fiscal year 2009 grant. The City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency is applying for funding to support 2 ½ Section 8 FSS Coordinators. The grant will cover the salary and fringe benefits for the Section 8 FSS program Coordinators.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): Municipal Housing Governing Board**

Date: June 9, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-947

Action: [Authorizing](#) City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit The Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ([Board Communication No. 08-350](#)) Moved by Mahaffey to approve. Motion Carried 8-0.

Date: May 7, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-829

Action: [Authorizing](#) submission of Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant Application to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ([Council Communication No. 07-252](#)) Moved by Coleman to approve. Motion Carried 8-0.

Date: May 8, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-868

Action: [Authorizing](#) City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ([Council Communication No. 06-266](#)) Moved by Nesbitt to approve. Motion Carried 6-2.

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

Board: Public Housing Advisory Board

Date: November 17, 2010

Resolution Number:

Action: Approval to the Municipal Housing Governing Board for the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing agency to submit a Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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