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	Agenda Item No. 25 Roll Call No. <u>10-1938</u> Communication No. <u>10-705</u> Submitted by: Richard A. Clark, City Manager

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing the Mayor to sign a grant application for funding in the amount of \$30,000 from the Iowa Office of Energy Independence (OEI) as part of the Power Fund Community Grant program.

SYNOPSIS:

The OEI has invited the submission of applications by cities, counties, non-profits and other organizations to the Power Fund Community Grant program. The grants are intended to assist in the creation of local programs to save energy. The City of Des Moines application will focus on community outreach and education through branding signage in municipal facilities that demonstrate energy efficiency and sustainability concepts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Not to exceed \$30,000 (1:1 match)

Funding Source: 2010-2011 CIP – Page Municipal Building Improvements - 7, Energy Conservation, BLD110 - \$60,000 (\$30,000 Iowa Power Fund Community Grant/\$30,000 GO Bonds Issued).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines has set a goal to be a leader in setting policies and practicing service delivery innovations to promote environmental sustainability.

The goal of this project is to create a brand of signage to emphasize specific sustainability efforts that have been accomplished within City facilities. These signs will be included in buildings such as the Franklin Avenue Library, the Grandview Community Club House, City Hall and the Police Department. Ideally, a sign would be placed with each individual project within a facility (windows, geothermal, rain garden) to discuss what it impacts (water, air, etc) and how it is impacted. The ability to replicate the branded signs for future projects will help continue public educational efforts on sustainability.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Acceptance of grant, if awarded, and provide matching funds as required.

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