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	Agenda Item No. 51 Roll Call No. <u>11-0225</u> Communication No. <u>11-063</u> Submitted by: Douglas C. Romig Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Contract for the 2011 CSBG program year.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Contract 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, 2009 to December 31, 2011. Additionally, recommend approval to request extension of the contract date through March 31, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$588,069

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:

CSBG provides funding for the Des Moines Community Action Agency a division of the Housing Services Department. Services are delivered through the central office at Park Fair Mall and the Sixth Avenue, Logan, Pioneer Columbus and Four Mile Community Action Agency site offices. CSBG funding is leveraged with funding through the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and United Way, which assist with the City’s Community Action efforts.

CSBG funds provide the necessary staff support costs so that 100% of funds allocated 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 rather than administrative costs. In the calendar year 2010, these two funds alone served 424 families or 1307 individuals, of which 684 were children and 54 seniors; income for all families were at or below 150% of poverty, meaning a family of four (4) earns less than \$33,075 and a household of one (1) less than \$16,245. In addition to the many other programs and services provided by the 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.

As a part of the City Council action, staff is also recommending that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate and execute any changes in the terms, conditions, or amounts specified in this contract and that the Housing Services Director or his designee be authorized to sign all fiscal and program forms required by said contract.

The Des Moines Community Action Agency is charged with providing services to the City's low-income families and trying to address and eliminate causes of poverty. 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.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 8, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-1851

Action: [Community](#) Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Plan and application for the 2011 CSBG Program Year. ([Council Communication No. 10-676](#))

Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Neighborhood Revitalization Board

Date: February 2, 2011

Action: Recommended approval of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Contract for the 2011 CSBG Program Year

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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