

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: April 11, 2011
	<p>Agenda Item No. 16</p> <p>Roll Call No. <u>11-596</u></p> <p>Communication No. <u>11-216</u></p> <p>Submitted by: Phil Delafield, Director Community Development</p>

AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution to authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) for Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 funds.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the resolution to submit an application to the IDED for Neighborhood Stabilization funds. The City of Des Moines was awarded \$4.2 million in Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds to redevelop foreclosed and abandoned housing. IDED was awarded \$5 million in NSP3 funds and has invited the City to submit an application. The City’s NSP3 application will ask for \$1 million (the maximum) to assist with the implementation of the Drake Neighborhood Plan, the redevelopment of the Southern Meadows Apartments, and to redevelop other strategic properties throughout the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Funding Source: IDED Neighborhood Stabilization Funds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines is requesting \$1,000,000 in NSP3 funds to further our mission of neighborhood revitalization. Below is an outline of the major components of our proposed uses for NSP3 funds:

Drake Neighborhood Plan Implementation—The City’s Community Development Department and the Drake Neighborhood Association recently completed the Drake Neighborhood Plan. One of the major objectives of this plan is to enhance the neighborhood housing stock. The application utilizes NSP funds to assist with the implementation of this plan.

Redevelopment of the Southern Meadows Apartments—Southern Meadows was a blighted 34 unit apartment complex on the south side of Des Moines. The City has used \$1.3 million of NSP1 funds to acquire the land, demolish the existing buildings, and to prepare a redevelopment plan for the site. NSP3 funds will be used to assist with the infrastructure upgrades necessary to redevelop the site.

Citywide Program—The City is requesting \$250,000 for a citywide program to enhance our other revitalization activities. This program will focus on strategic properties in Distressed Neighborhoods.

Restricted Funds—IDED and HUD regulations require that 25% of NSP funds assist individuals and families who earn less than 50% area median income (AMI). The City will utilize existing relationships with Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity (owner occupied housing) and Anawim Housing (rental housing) to assist with the implementation of this portion of the program.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 26, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-1224](#)

Action: [Revised](#) Attachment A of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) contract with Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) for allocation of additional funds. ([Council Communication No. 10-470](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: October 26, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-1931](#)

Action: [Amended](#) Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Contract with the Iowa Department of Economic Development and related supporting Documents. ([Council Communication No. 09-751](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: February 23, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-341

Action: [On](#) the City's plan to spend CDBG Neighborhood Stabilization Program Funds. ([Council Communication No. 09-105](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

If funds are awarded, Council will approve a contract with IDED to implement the program.

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