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	Agenda Item No. MHGB2 Roll Call No. <u>11-1062</u> Communication No. <u>11-399</u> Submitted by: Douglas C. Romig, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency submittal of the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinator Program grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Municipal Housing Governing Board approval for submission of the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinator Program grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the Executive Director or his designee to implement the grant if awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$232,093

Funding Source: 2011-2012 Recommended Operating Budget: Housing Services Department – Capital Fund Program SP350 HSG280000, Page 145.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The purpose of the Public Housing Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinators program is to provide funding for the provision of a Service Coordinator to coordinate supportive services and other activities designed to help public housing residents attain economic and housing self-sufficiency. This program works to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under the Public Housing program with public and private resources, for supportive services and resident empowerment activities. These services should enable participating families to increase earned income, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, and to make progress toward achieving economic independence and housing self-sufficiency.

A Service Coordinator ensures that program participants are linked to the supportive services they need to achieve self-sufficiency or remain independent. Funds in this program are not allowed to be used for the direct provision of these services. The ROSS Service Coordinator program is open to non-profit and Resident Association applicants, provides three-year funding, includes administrative expenses and training as eligible uses of the funds and requires a 25% match by statute. The Agency’s 25% match will come from in-kind services provided by various community social service agencies.

If funded, the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) ROSS SC grant would enable DMMHA to hire a full time Family Service Coordinator to provide supportive services through community agency referrals, education, etc. These services will specifically assist public housing families living in Royal View Manor and the scattered site, single family units. This additional Family Service Coordinator would enable the 1 ½ service coordinators currently under contract through Wesley Community Services to focus their efforts on public housing elderly and disabled residents.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Public Housing Advisory Board

Date: June 15, 2011

Resolution Number: PH 11-38

Action: Recommended approval to Municipal Housing Governing Board for the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator Program grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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