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	<p>Agenda Item No. 25</p> <p>Roll Call No. <u>11-1110</u></p> <p>Communication No. <u>11-405</u></p> <p>Submitted by: Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director</p>

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing the City Manager as the Certifying Officer for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Environmental Reviews, Certifications and Requests for Release of Funds.

SYNOPSIS:

Authorize the Mayor to designate the City Manager, or his designee, as the Certifying Officer for HUD Environmental Reviews, Certifications and Requests for Release of Funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines, Iowa receives HUD entitlement program funds (Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grant Program) and other HUD program and grant funding.

HUD is authorized to allow units of general local government to assume the status of federal official as the Certifying Officer under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and NEPA-related environmental laws and authorities.

The City of Des Moines, Iowa is the Responsible Entity (RE) in lieu of HUD for the purposes of NEPA review, decision-making and action. The Mayor, or his official designee, is authorized to execute the Request for Release of Funds and Certifications, and represent the RE subject to the jurisdiction of the federal courts.

This authorization will allow greater flexibility to process environmental reviews in a timely manner.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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