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	Agenda Item No. 30 Roll Call No. <u>11-1374</u> Communication No. <u>11-529</u> Submitted by: Douglas C. Romig, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Plan application for the 2012 CSBG Program Year.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the CSBG Community Action Plan application 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, 2011 to September 30, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$570,849

Funding Source: CSBG through the Iowa Department of Human Rights/ Division of Community Action Agencies, deposited to the FY12 Operating Budget, Community Services Block Grants, SP027, CDD049900, CSBG2012001, page 72.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Des Moines Community Action Agency (CAA) is charged with providing services through CSBG funding to assist low-income families and individuals with basic energy, food, shelter needs and working towards achieving self-sufficiency. The City became a public 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 CAA's in the United States. The City of Des Moines is one of 18 CAA's serving Iowa.

CSBG provides funding for Des Moines CAA. Services are delivered through the Sixth Avenue site office located at 1618 Sixth Avenue. CSBG funding is leveraged with the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and United Way, which also provide funding to the City's Community Action efforts. CSBG funds provide the necessary staff support so that 100% of funds 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. In addition to the many other programs and services provided by Des Moines CAA, 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.

Funding for fiscal year 2011 (October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011) is \$570,849. Past years funding:

FY10 \$ 547,337
FY09 \$ 588,069
FY08 \$ 547,337
FY07 \$ 526,864

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: July 6, 2011

Action: Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) recommended approval of FY12 CSBG Community Services Action Plan application.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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