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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 31 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>11-1458</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>11-576</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Resolution authorizing submittal of an application for a Community Challenge Planning Grant sponsored by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**SYNOPSIS:**

Staff recommends approval of a resolution authorizing submittal of an application for a Community Challenge Planning Grant sponsored by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$1.8 million. The application deadline is September 9, 2011.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$1.1 million of in-kind match is proposed for the \$1.8 million grant.

Funding Source: \$675,000 of in-kind match is estimated to be generated by general fund professional staff time dedicated to the project over a three year period (CD, Legal, etc.). In addition, \$175,000 of CDBG funded professional staff time is to be dedicated to the project over a three year period (CD). Finally, the Greater Des Moines Partnership has agreed to commit \$250,000 of in-kind professional staff time for implementation of the Capital Crossroads strategic plan (namely Capital Core, Physical Capital, Governance Capital, and Environmental Capital subcommittees).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Planning effort resulting from this grant would enable the City of Des Moines to implement the forthcoming Action Plan of Central Iowa’s Regional Plan for Sustainable Development (RPSD) which was awarded a \$2M HUD grant in 2010. Project components include a refinement of the RPSD alternative scenarios model to guide the City’s local land use decisions and an update to the City’s Comprehensive Plan to further affordable housing and mixed-use developments; to promote neighborhoods and corridors that support livability, economic development and sustainability; to better align with the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority’s (DART) Forward 2035 Master Plan; and to incorporate disaster mitigation analysis. The application also proposes creation of a unified development code (zoning code, subdivision regulations and zoning map) to replace the City’s existing zoning ordinance which was written 1965 and subdivision ordinance that was first adopted in 1947. Anticipated code elements include form based districts for the downtown, public transit corridors and urban residential neighborhoods; and subdivision regulations that ensure sustainable growth patterns and coordinated and efficient extension of public infrastructure. Finally, the project will develop a Supplemental Green Development Code for sustainable planning and green principles that will be

applied to any project that receives City financial assistance (i.e. tax abatement, TIF, tax credits, and/or CDBG allocations).

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

**Review and approval of plans, amendments and codes.**

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