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	Agenda Item No. 26 Roll Call No. <u>11-1873</u> Communication No. <u>11-689</u> Submitted by: Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving a grant agreement between the Polk County Housing Trust Fund and the City of Des Moines for \$40,000 for the Minor Home Repair Program operated out of the Neighborhood Conservation Services Division.

SYNOPSIS:

The Polk County Housing Trust Funds has awarded the City of Des Moines Neighborhood Conservation Services (NSC) \$40,000 to do Owner-Occupied Repair Projects in the NE section of the Drake Neighborhood, more specifically the Wells Fargo *Leading the Way Home*™ Grant Project Area. These additional funds would be combined with the NCS current Minor/Emergency Program to complete additional home repair projects in the NE part of the Drake Neighborhood as part of the implementation of the Drake Neighborhood Plan adopted by Council in February of 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$40,000

Funding Source: Polk County Housing Trust Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Polk County Housing Trust Fund received a \$250,000 grant from Wells Fargo’s Housing Foundation. The funding is to be used to support revitalization plans for the northeast area of Drake Neighborhood. A coalition of housing partners and other stakeholders has been working on implementing the objectives of the grant since spring of 2011. The main focus of the Wells Fargo grant has been on the acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of houses in the area. Additionally, the coalition would like to help existing homeowners in the area with repairs to their homes.

The funds provided through this grant agreement will increase the City’s ability to provide home repair services to low and moderate income homeowners in this area. Funds will be used to repair and rehabilitate existing owner-occupied homes, allow homeowner to stay in their homes, and preserve the housing stock. The most common types of repairs will include roof, furnace, waterline, sewer line, major electrical, and structural/foundation. The funds provided in this agreement will be utilized in the NCS Division’s Minor Home Repair Program and will target the NE part of the Drake neighborhood as required by the grant source.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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