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	Agenda Item No. 25 Roll Call No. <u>12-0043</u> Communication No. <u>12-014</u> Submitted by: Terrance N. Vorbrich, Acting Economic Development Administrator

AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution approving application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for Enterprise Zone benefits for the Bloomsbury Apartments and Stewart Park Townhomes, L.L.L.P. Rehabilitation Project in the SE Agribusiness Enterprise Zone.

SYNOPSIS:

Common Bond Communities (Ellen Higgins, Vice President, 328 Kellogg Blvd West, St. Paul, MN 55102) has presented an application for State of Iowa Enterprise Zone benefits for the rehabilitation of the Bloomsbury Apartments at 1440 East Grand Avenue and the Stewart Park Townhomes at 1401 Capitol Avenue, both located in the SE Agribusiness Enterprise Zone. A total of 40 residential units will be rehabilitated, with a total project cost of \$6,059,597. The rehabilitation of these residential communities is an important investment in the Capitol East neighborhood, and will provide quality affordable housing to working families, individuals, seniors and people with special needs.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: \$275,314 Investment Tax Credit; \$60,000 Sales Tax Rebate

Funding Source: State of Iowa Enterprise Zone Program. These are State of Iowa tax benefits and have no impact on the City of Des Moines general fund.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The rehabilitation of the Bloomsbury Apartments and Stewart Park Townhomes is an investment in two existing affordable housing communities and their residents. In addition to the planned physical improvements to the housing units, Common Bond Communities provides on-site resident services which contribute increased stability, economic opportunity, workforce skills and readiness to the residents. Construction is anticipated to begin in August 2012.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

The Des Moines Enterprise Zone Commission is scheduled to meet to review the application on January 18. Following their review, the application will be forwarded to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for review.

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