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	Agenda Item No. MHGB4 Roll Call No. <u>12-0502</u> Communication No. <u>12-165</u> Submitted by: Douglas C. Romig, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency One Year Agency Plan.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Governing Board approval to submit the One Year Agency Plan and the revised Section 8 Administrative Plan; the Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy and the Family Self-Sufficiency Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Manager or his designee to implement the Capital Fund grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$495,059 (Capital Development Fund)

Funding Source: 2012-2013 Operating budget: Housing Services Department-HSG021100, Page 114. HSG021200, Page 115. HSG021300, Page 116/ HSG021400, Page 117. HSG021500, Page 118. HSG021600, Page 119.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The 1998 Quality Housing & Work Responsibility Act requires housing authorities to develop and submit to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development a One-Year Agency Plan, which serve as an operations, planning, and management tool for the Housing Agency.

The One-Year Plan, with an effective date of July 1, 2012, contains specific operational information and includes the HUD approved application for capital improvements of \$495,059. The Section 8 Administrative Plan, the Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy, and the Family Self-Sufficiency Action Plan are attachments to the One-Year Agency Plan and have also been revised and updated.

The Plans were developed by the Housing Services Board, which held four public working sessions. These sessions were open to the public and video taped with access to them through the City’s web-site (YouTube videos) and held on October 19, 2011, November 16, 2011, December 21, 2011, and January 18, 2012. Notices of the Public Hearing and availability of the “draft” plans for review and comment were published in the Des Moines Register on January 20, 2012. The Plans were available for public review at the Agency’s Administrative office and the City’s website beginning on January 27, 2012 and the public hearing was held on March 21, 2012.

The majority of the changes in the One-Year Plan were clarification changes based on the Agency's intent in the previously published language. A couple of significant changes include: 1) Family Unification Program (FUP) preference within the Section 8 Voucher program whereby a foster child aging out would receive an 18 month FUP voucher, this preference would allow them to obtain a regular Section 8 Voucher so they would not lose their housing subsidy; 2) Shelter Plus Care preference which allows individuals in the Shelter Plus Care program in good standing a Section 8 Voucher preference thereby opening up Shelter Plus Care services to homeless individuals within the community; and a change to our Occupancy Standards to increase efficiencies and allow more families to be served in both Section 8 and Public Housing. Specifically:

- * two minor children of the same gender will be required to share a bedroom regardless of age;
- * children of the opposite gender will be required to share a bedroom until such time as the oldest child turns six;
- * children shall be required to share a bedroom with a parent until said child reaches six numerical years of age. Limit of one child with a single parent;
- * The unborn child or children of a pregnant woman will be considered a family member(s) for the purposes of determining the subsidy standard the family is eligible for.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 28, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-0488

Action: [Approving](#) City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency One Year Agency Plan. ([Board Communication No. 11-198](#)) **Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: March 22, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-410

Action: [Approval](#) of City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency Five-Year and One-Year Agency Plan. ([Board Communication No. 10-140](#)) **Moved by Mahaffey to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: March 23, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-445

Action: [Approval](#) of City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency One-Year Agency Plan. ([Board Communication No. 09-164](#)) **Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 5-2.**

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Housing Services Board

Date: March 21, 2012

Resolution Number: HSB 12-15

Action: Approval of the One-Year Agency Plan to be submitted to the Municipal Housing Governing Board for approval

Board: Public Housing Board

Date: March 16, 2011

Resolution Number: PH 11-18

Action: Approval of the annual Agency Plan to be submitted to the Municipal Governing Board for approval

Board: Public Housing Board

Date: March 17, 2010

Resolution Number: PH 10-11

Action: Approval of the five-year and annual Agency Plan to be submitted to the Municipal Governing Board for approval.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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