

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: April 9, 2012
	Agenda Item No. MHGB2 Roll Call No. [] Communication No. <u>12-172</u> Submitted by: Douglas C. Romig, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency submittal of the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Municipal Housing Governing Board approval for submission of the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the Housing Services Director or his designee to implement the grant if awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$167,473

Funding Source: 2012-2013 Operating Budget: Housing Services Department-Section 8, SP350 HSG190000, Page 21.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) received funding last year from HUD for two full-time program FSS Coordinators to administer the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program for Housing Choice Voucher participants. These two full time positions funded one and a half FSS Coordinators and half the FSS Supervisor’s salary.

The FSS Coordinators provide individual case management to assist participants in achieving goals to become self-sufficient. FSS Coordinators provide referrals, training, education, and job development skills to enrolled participants. The DMMHA has provided such a program since 1985 and currently provides case management to 94 Housing Choice Voucher FSS participants.

DMMHA provided case management services to 102 HCV FSS families (312 individuals) utilizing the fiscal year 2010 grant. Seventeen families received cash welfare assistance during fiscal year 2010, eleven of those families ceased receiving cash welfare assistance during that year; all but one of the eleven was due to an overall increase in household income. There were 48 HCV FSS households that increased their total annual income in fiscal year 2010. While the amounts varied from \$327 at the low end and \$50,102 being the largest increase, the average increase in household income was \$10, 206.

The FSS Program is the only HUD funded program that directly enables families to save money. During fiscal year 2010, 23 new participants started accruing an escrow amount and an additional 34 participants continued to accrue escrow. This equates to over half (57 participants) of the HCV FSS participants increasing their earned income in order to be eligible to accumulate escrow.

Funds are available through HUD to renew the fiscal year 2011 grants. The City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency is also applying for funding to support an additional half position for a total of 2 1/2 positions. The additional half position will fully fund the FSS Supervisor's position.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 23, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-0848](#)

Action: Approving City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency submittal of the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ([Board Communication No. 11-317](#)) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 22, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-1906](#)

Action: Authorizing City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant application to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ([Board Communication No. 10-698](#)) Moved by Moore to approve. Motion Carried 5-2

Date: July 27, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-1290](#)

Action: Authorizing City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit the Public Housing Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ([Board Communication No. 09-498](#)) Moved by Vlassis to approve. Motion Carried 6-1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Housing Services Board

Date: March 21, 2012

Resolution Number: PH 12-19

Action: Recommending approval to the Municipal Housing Governing Board for the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency

Program Coordinator grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Board Communication No 6) Moved by Vines to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

Board: Housing Services Board

Date: May 18, 2011

Resolution Number: PH 11-31

Action: 4B- Recommending approval to Municipal Housing Governing Board for the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant application to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Board Communication No 4B) Moved by Harlan to adopt. Motion Carried 4-0.

Board: Housing Services Board

Date: November 17, 2010

Resolution Number: PH 10-47

Action: 3A- Recommending approval to Municipal Housing Governing Board for the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant application to US Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Board Communication No. 3A & 3B) Moved by Judkins to adopt. Motion Carried 4-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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