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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	M2
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<u>12-0756</u>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<u>12-259</u>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Douglas C. Romig,</b> <b>Housing Services</b> <b>Director</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency submittal of the Public Housing 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 Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator under Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency 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: \$69,000

Funding Source: HUD Public Housing FSS Grant; 2012-2013 Operating Budget: Housing Services Department-Royal View Manor, SP350 HSG021100, Page 114.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) received funding last year from HUD for a half time FSS Coordinator position to administer the Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program for Public Housing participants.

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 29 Public Housing FSS participants.

DMMHA provided case management services to 32 Public Housing FSS families (38 individuals) during the calendar year 2011. There were no families who received cash welfare assistance during that time. There were nine Public Housing FSS households that increased their total annual income in calendar year 2011. While the amounts varied from \$120 at the low end and \$21,905 being the largest increase; the average increase in household income was \$6,720. The FSS Program is the only HUD funded program that directly enables families to save money. During calendar year 2011, two (2) new participants started accruing an escrow amount and an additional two (2) participants continued to

accrue escrow. This equates to thirteen percent (four participants) of the Public Housing FSS participants increasing their earned income in order to be eligible to accumulate an escrow account. Additionally there were four households that were saving money through the Earned Income Disallowance deduction which is required prior to an FSS participant accruing escrow amounts.

Funds are available through HUD to renew the fiscal year Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator 2011 grant. The City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency is applying for a full-time coordinator position to fully cover a Public Housing FSS Coordinator's salary. If awarded a full-time position, it would allow the PH FSS Coordinator position to increase job development services for the FSS Program.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: June 13, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-0953](#)

Action: [Approving](#) submittal of Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ([Board Communication No. 11-340](#)). **Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: December 20, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-2041](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency to submit Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator grant application to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ([Board Communication No. 10-750](#)). **Moved by Mahaffey 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: May 18, 2011

Resolution Number: PH 11-31

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

4B- 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. 4A & 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.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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