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	Agenda Item No. 26 Roll Call No. <u>12-985</u> Communication No. <u>12-351</u> Submitted by: Douglas C. Romig, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Plan and application for the 2013 CSBG Program Year.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the CSBG Community Action Plan and application to the Iowa Department of Human Rights/ Division of Community Action Agencies for the City of Des Moines Community Services Program for low-income persons from October 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$590,432

Funding Source: CSBG through the Iowa Department of Human Rights/ Division of Community Action Agencies, deposited to the FY13 Operating Budget, Community Services Block Grants, SP027, CDD049900, CSBG2013001, page 57.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Des Moines Community Action Agency (DMCAA) is charged with providing services through Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding to assist low-income families and individuals with basic energy, food, shelter needs and working towards achieving self-sufficiency. Community Services Block Grant funding is leveraged with the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and United Way, which also provide funding to the City's Community Action efforts. Community Services Block Grant funds provide the necessary staff support so that 100% of funds from sources such as the City Franchise and MidAmerican I-CARE funds can be used solely to assist households in maintaining heating and electrical service. In addition to the many other programs and services provided by Des Moines Community Action Agency, Community Services Block Grant funds also help support, in conjunction with donations and/or grants, the personal pantry program, the City's holiday basket and garden projects.

The City became a public Community Action Agency in 1977. The origin of Community Action can be found in the signing of the Federal Equal Opportunity Act in 1964. There are now 1,000 Community Action Agencies in the United States. The City of Des Moines is one (1) of 18

Community Action Agencies serving Iowa. Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) provides funding for Des Moines Community Action Agency.

Funding for fiscal year 2012 (October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012) is \$568,745. Past years funding:

- FY11 \$ 570,849
- FY10 \$ 581, 593
- FY09 \$ 588,069
- FY08 \$ 547,337

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 5, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-2055](#)

Action: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Contract for the 2012 CSBG program year. ([Council Communication No. 11-734](#)). Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: June 20, 2012

Board: Neighborhood Revitalization Board

Action: Recommend the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, approve the FY2013 CSBG Community Action Plan and Approval.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

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