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	Agenda Item No. 26 Roll Call No. <u>12-1353</u> Communication No. <u>12-461</u> Submitted by: Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing submittal of Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 State of Iowa Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Application for intensive level historical and architectural survey of the southwestern portion of the River Bend Neighborhood.

SYNOPSIS:

The State Historical Society of Iowa is soliciting applications for CLG grants for FY 2013. The applications are due September 6, 2012. The City of Des Moines Community Development Department and the River Bend Neighborhood Association (RBNA) propose to conduct an architectural and historical survey of the southwestern portion of the River Bend Neighborhood. The proposed “Intensive-Level Historical and Architectural Survey of Southwestern River Bend Neighborhood in Des Moines, Iowa” to move forward with plans to expand its local historic district, providing heightened protection for historical resources. If funded the project would get under way in the Spring of 2013 and be completed by the Summer of 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Funding is requested to hire a professional historical consultant to conduct an Intensive-Level Historical and Architectural Survey of Southwestern River Bend. The survey is an assessment of historical development patterns, historic contexts, key historical structures and a representative sample of typical homes within the project area. This survey springs from and will directly support activities associated with the ongoing planning process to update the River Bend Neighborhood Plan.

In addition to the professional survey, neighborhood volunteers will be organized and trained to conduct some of the background information gathering for this survey. It will build neighborhood capacity, organize residents and build upon the existing neighborhood support for this initiative. The ultimate goal of the survey is to plan for the expansion of the historic districts within River Bend that are on the National Register of Historic Places, the official federal list of districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture.

The total project cost is \$38,266. The amount requested through the CLG application is \$15,000. The RBNA has committed to 480 in-kind volunteer hours which equate to \$8,266. Matching funds are

required for this application. RBNA has applied for a Polk County Community Development grant to cover the \$15,000 match.

The RBNA and City of Des Moines Community Development Department will be responsible for soliciting proposals for a qualified consultant and selection of the most appropriate candidate. Volunteers will be recruited by the RBNA and may include other interested residents and former residents. Volunteers will be carefully selected and trained by the project consultant. They will assist with conducting property research, photography and on-site documentation. Their work will be under the oversight of the consultant.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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