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	Agenda Item No. 26 Roll Call No. <u>12-1777</u> Communication No. <u>12-587</u> Submitted by: Douglas C. Romig, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Contract for the 2013 CSBG program year.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the CSBG Community Action Contract made 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. Additionally, recommend approval to request extension of the contract date through March 31, 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$570,849

Funding Source: CSBG through the Iowa Department of Human Rights/Division of Community Action Agencies, FY13 Operating Budget, Community Services Block Grants, SP027, CDD049900, CSBG2013001, page 54.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

CSBG provides funding for the Des Moines Community Action Agency, a division of the Housing Services Department. Services are delivered through the Des Moines Community Action Agency at 1618 Sixth Avenue. CSBG funding is leveraged with funding through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and United Way, which assist with the City's Community Action efforts. CSBG funds provide the necessary staff support costs so that 100% of funds allocated 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 the 2012 program year, these two funds alone served 386 families or 1,166 individuals, of which 636 were children and 46 were seniors; income for all families were at or below 150% of poverty, meaning a family of four earns less than \$34,575 and a household of one earns less than \$16,755. In addition to the many other programs and services provided by the Community Action Agency, CSBG funds also help support, in conjunction with donations and/or grants, the personal pantry, holiday food basket, garden projects and assists households in maintaining heating and electrical service.

As part of the City Council action, staff is also recommending that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate and execute any changes in the terms, conditions or amounts specified in this contract

and that the Housing Services Director or his designee be authorized to sign all fiscal and program forms required by said contract.

The Des Moines Community Action Agency is charged with providing services to the City's low-income families and trying to address and eliminate causes of poverty. 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 of 18 Community Action Agencies serving Iowa.

In a continuing resolution that was passed by Congressional action in September, CSBG (FY2013) is currently funded through March 2013. CSBG funding is subject to change based on Congressional action to finalize the Federal FY2013 budget. Negotiations regarding the Federal Budget Control Act sequestration provisions could affect CSBG funding.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 25, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-0985](#)

Action: [Community](#) Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Plan Application for the 2013 CSBG Program Year. ([Council Communication No. 12-351](#)). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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