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AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) Director to execute the 2012-13 Investment Agreement with the United Way of Central Iowa.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Municipal Housing Governing Board approval for the DMMHA to execute the 2012-13 Investment Agreement with the United Way of Central Iowa and authorization for the Housing Services Director to execute and his designee to implement the grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$50,000

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The DMMHA received notification from the United Way of Central Iowa that a grant application in the amount of \$50,000 for the DMMHA’s Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program has been approved for the case management of FSS Program families. The purpose of the FSS Program is to coordinate housing assistance with public and private resources to enable assisted families to achieve economic self sufficiency. The FSS Program is a voluntary self sufficiency program that is available to residents of Public Housing and participants of the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) housing assistance programs.

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 114 FSS families and has provided case management to 153 households from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012.

The DMMHA’s FSS Program focuses on three major areas to increase self sufficiency – employment, education, and financial literacy. Currently 56% of FSS Program participants are employed, 20% are enrolled in post-secondary or vocational education, and 48% have an average escrow account balance of \$4,102.00.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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