

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: June 24, 2013
	Agenda Item No. 23 Roll Call No. [] Communication No. <u>13-310</u> Submitted by: Douglas C. Romig, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Plan and Application for the 2014 CSBG Program Year.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of the 2014 CSBG Community Action Plan and application to the Iowa Department of Human Rights/ Division of Community Action Agencies for Des Moines Community Action Agency a division of the Housing Services Department for low-income persons from October 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$574,996

Funding Source: Funding Source: CSBG through the Iowa Department of Human Rights/Division of Community Action Agencies, deposited to the FY14 Operating Budget, Community Services Block Grants, CSB00113 (SP027, CDD049900, CSBG2013001), page 57.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Des Moines Community Action Agency (DMCAA) is charged with providing programs and services through CSBG funding to assist low-income families to meet their essential basic needs that include energy, food, and shelter. Programs and services are developed to assist families with working towards self-sufficiency. CSBG 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. CSBG funds provide the necessary staff support so that 100% of funds from sources such as the 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, CSBG funds also help support, in conjunction with donations and/or grants, the personal pantry program, garden project, and the City’s holiday basket project.

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. CSBG provides funding for the Des Moines Community Action Agency. Funding for fiscal year 2013 (October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013) is \$556,498. Past years funding:

- FY 2012 \$568,745
- FY 2011 \$570,849
- FY 2010 \$581,593
- FY 2009 \$588,069

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 19, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1777](#)

Action: [Community](#) Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Contract for the 2013 CSBG Program Year. ([Council Communication No. 12-587](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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):

Board: Housing Services Board

Date: June 19, 2013

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Recommend the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, approve the FY2014 CSBG Community Action Plan and Application.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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