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	Agenda Item No. 30 Roll Call No. <u>13-1902</u> Communication No. <u>13-579</u> Submitted by: Douglas C. Romig, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of contract with Best Heating, Cooling and Electric to perform low-income residential furnace repair and replacement for the Housing Services Department, Community Action Agency.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of contracts to provide residential furnace and water heater replacement, furnace tune and clean, and furnace and central air conditioner repair services for qualified low-income persons as directed by the Housing Services Department, Community Action Agency. This contract will maintain safe heating systems in homes owned by qualified low-income families. Request for Proposals (RFPs) were mailed and two (2) proposals were returned. The selection committee recommends one (1) contractor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$80,000 (estimated on an annual basis)

Funding Source:

- \$40,000 – LIHEAP; SP033; CDD049900; LIHE2012099, page 127
- \$20,000 – City Utility Assistance Program; GE001; CDD040100, page 46
- \$10,000 - I-CARE; SP749; CDD980140, page 127

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Applicants for the repairs or replacements covered in this contract include residential furnace and water heater replacement, furnace tune and clean, and furnace and central air conditioner repair services program must qualify for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Applications are taken year round as funding is available.

Des Moines Community Action Agency, a division of the Housing Services Department, operates as the Community Action Agency for the City of Des Moines. It is charged with providing services to the City's low-income families and to addressing and eliminating causes of poverty. The City became a public Community Action Agency (CAA) in 1977. Services are delivered through the office at 1618 6th Avenue and the administrative office at 100 E Euclid #101. LIHEAP, Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), United Way, and community donations also provide funding to the City's Community Action efforts.

The beginnings 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 U.S and the City of Des Moines is one of 18 Community Action Agencies serving Iowa.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 2, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-0877](#)

Action: [Proposals](#) and contracts with G & M Electric & Mechanical Contractors, Inc. and Best Heating, Cooling & Electric for provision of low-income residential furnace and water heater replacement, tune and clean, repair services. ([Council Communication No. 07-262](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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