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	Agenda Item No. MHGB2 Roll Call No. <u>14-1114</u> Communication No. <u>14-358</u> Submitted by: Douglas C. Romig, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) submittal of the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinator Program grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Municipal Housing Governing Board approval for submission of the ROSS Service Coordinator Program grant to HUD and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the Executive Director or his designee to implement the grant if awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$246,000 (three (3) year grant award)

Funding Source: 2014-2015 Recommended Operating Budget: Housing Services Department – Royal View Manor S350 HS120131, Page 109; 5H Homeownership S350 HS122000, Page 114; Scattered Sites S350 HS123000, Page 115.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The purpose of the Public Housing ROSS Service Coordinators program is to provide funding for the provision of a Service Coordinator to coordinate supportive services and other activities designed to help public housing residents attain economic and housing self-sufficiency. This program works to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under the Public Housing program with public and private resources, for supportive services and resident empowerment activities. These services should enable participating families to increase earned income, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, and to make progress toward achieving economic independence and housing self-sufficiency.

DMMHA was most recently awarded the ROSS Service Coordinators program three (3) year grant funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 which covers the salary of a full-time Family Service Coordinator. A Service Coordinator ensures that program participants are linked to the supportive services they need to achieve self-sufficiency or to remain independent. Funds in this program are not allowed to be used for the direct provision of these services. The ROSS Service Coordinator grant will provide three (3) year funding, including administrative expenses and training as eligible uses of the funds and requires a 25% match by statute. The Agency’s 25% match will come from in-kind services provided by various community social service agencies.

In year one (1) of the FY2011 grant reporting period, 134 residents were directly served by the ROSS Coordinator, and were provided 1,074 referrals. Thirty-eight (38) residents increased their earned income with an average annual household income increase of \$3,489. In year two (2) of the FY2011 grant reporting period, 251 residents were served by the ROSS Coordinator and were provided 1,607 referrals. Twenty-eight (28) residents increased their earned income in year two (2) with an average annual household income increase of \$2,782.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 27, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1062](#)

Action: [Approving](#) submittal of ROSS Service Coordinator Program Grant Application to HUD. ([Board Communication No. 11-399](#)) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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