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	Agenda Item No.	22
	Roll Call No.	<u>14-1299</u>
	Communication No.	<u>14-427</u>
	Submitted by:	Douglas C. Romig, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving recommendation to the Des Moines City Council for the Community Services Community Action Plan and application for the 2015 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program Year.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommendation to the Des Moines City Council to approve submittal of the 2015 CSBG Community Action Plan and Application to the Iowa Department of Human Rights/ Division of Community Action Agencies for Des Moines Community Action Agency (DMCAA)/Housing Services Department from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$622,680

Funding Source: CSBG through the Iowa Department of Human Rights/Division of Community Action Agencies; deposited to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Operating Budget, S027CSB00114, page 120

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The 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 are developed based on our communities needs to assist families as they work towards self-sufficiency. CSBG funding is leveraged with the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), CDBG, and United Way grants, 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 DMCAA, 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.

CSBG funds are federal appropriations to local states for the operations and management of Community Action Agencies. 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 FY2015 (October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2016) is \$622,680. Past years funding:

- FY2014 - \$574,996
- FY2013 - \$556,498
- FY2012 - \$568, 745
- FY2011 - \$570,849

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 24, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-0990](#)

Action: [Community](#) Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Plan application for the 2014 CSBG Program Year. ([Council Communication No. 13-310](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Housing Services Board

Date: August 20, 2014

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Recommend the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, approve the FY2015 CSBG Community Action Plan and Application.

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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