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	Submitted by:	Larry D. Hulse, Interim City Manager

AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution approving 28E Agreement between City of Des Moines, City of Urbandale, and University of Northern Iowa for administration of the University's Center for Energy & Environmental Education's Green Iowa AmeriCorps Program in the cities of Des Moines and Urbandale.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of the 28E Agreement between City of Des Moines, City of Urbandale, and University of Northern Iowa will establish a team of five (5) Green Iowa AmeriCorps Volunteers in Des Moines who will facilitate home energy audits and improvements in the cities of Des Moines and Urbandale.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$6,400

Funding Source: City Manager Operational Budget, CM001000, 521020, Page 28

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In October 2013, Green Iowa AmeriCorps partnered with Center on Sustainable Communities (COSC), MidAmerican Energy, and the City of Des Moines to work with the Beaverville, Lower Beaver, and Gray's Lake Neighborhoods to provide home energy audits and improvements. The goal of this program was to educate homeowners about the energy efficiency of their home and to provide information about MidAmerican Rebate programs to make improvements more cost effective. The program was well received by these three neighborhoods and Green Iowa AmeriCorps was interested in continuing this program in 2014. The program requires a site supervisor to ensure the program needs are being met by the AmeriCorps volunteers. Last year COSC was able to fill this role allowing City staff to be minimally involved. COSC is no longer a staffed organization and therefore cannot provide this role.

Similar to last year, this group will be working with neighborhood associations that have recently completed a neighborhood plan where energy efficiency of residential properties was discussed as a component of the plan. To ensure successful implementation of the 2014 program, Green Iowa AmeriCorps will be working with the City and other partners in the East Bank Neighborhoods of Capitol East, Capitol Park, and MLK Jr. Park. Goals for this program are to distribute flyers about the new program to homes in these neighborhoods, participate in a minimum of 10 neighborhood events including Rock the Block, and facilitate 170 home energy audits and 56 home improvements. The City of Des Moines will provide an office space, equipment, and supplies for the program year.

The City of Urbandale would like to partner with the City of Des Moines and Green Iowa AmeriCorps this year. As a partner, Urbandale will provide the Green Iowa AmeriCorps team a vehicle and tablets to be used in the field. The City of Urbandale has set similar goals for a program in their city including facilitating 30 home energy audits and 10 home improvements.

The total program cost to Des Moines is \$8,000. This is a formulated program cost share with other Green Iowa AmeriCorps sites in Iowa. The City of Urbandale will provide \$1,600 for services provided to the City of Urbandale through this agreement.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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