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	Agenda Item No.	38
	Roll Call No.	<u>14-1859</u>
	Communication No.	<u>14-563</u>
	Submitted by:	Douglas C. Romig, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the City of Des Moines Community Action Agency (DMCAA) Tenant Based Rental Assistance contract with Iowa Community Action Agency Association (ICAA).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the City of Des Moines (DMCAA) Tenant Based Rental Assistance Contract with ICAA from July 03, 2014 through May 01, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$54,644

Funding Source: ICAA contribution through agreement with the Iowa Finance Authority for statewide housing assistance program. Special Revenue Funds, SP749 TBR0014, page 127.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ICAA is an organization made up of all 18 Community Action Agencies within the state of Iowa, including the DMCAA. In 2013, ICAA negotiated a \$1,000,000 contract with the Iowa Finance Authority to provide a statewide Tenant Based Rental Assistance program. In 2014, ICAA negotiated their second contract with the Iowa Finance Authority for \$993,761.

Tenant Based Rental Assistance provides eligible households rental subsidy towards housing for up to 24 months through direct rental assistance. The DMCAA serves eligible households residing in the City of Des Moines that are at or below 60% of area median income (AMI); \$43,740 for a family of four (4). This initiative is designed to assist families that are hard to house as priorities. Hard to house households are defined as having one (1) substantial barrier to obtain housing which may include: evictions, criminal history, utility arrears, a mobility impairment, and income under \$1,000 per year. Participating families are encouraged to put their name on the local public housing authority's Public Housing waiting list and their Section 8 Waiting list when it reopens. Eligible households select a rental unit that meets the housing program standards and has a fair and reasonable rent. A housing quality standards inspection, lead based paint inspection, and income and asset verification occur annually. Households participating in the program are required to participate in the Financial Foundation's Financial Education Program at DMCAA.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 23, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1969](#)

Action: [Des](#) Moines Community Action Agency (DMCAA) Tenant Based Rental Assistance Contract with Iowa Community Action Agency (ICAA) Association. ([Council Communication No. 13-615](#)) Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Housing Services Board

Date: November 19, 2014

Resolution Number: HSB 14-30

Action: Recommend City Council approving acceptance of the award of the City of Des Moines Housing Services Department Des Moines Community Action Agency, Tenant Based Rental Assistance Contract with Iowa Community Action Association from July 03, 2014 through May 01, 2016.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

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