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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>45</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>15-0403</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>15-114</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Authorizing the City Manager to sign the Iowa Great Places Program Challenge Grant Agreement for the \$250,000 challenge grant that was awarded to the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The City of Des Moines submitted an application to the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs (IDCA) Iowa Great Places Program to designate the 6th Avenue Corridor and the Roosevelt Cultural District as Iowa Great Places. The IDCA chose to designate the 6th Avenue Corridor as an Iowa Great Place and to award the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project a \$250,000 challenge grant.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$250,000 match of the challenge grant to be secured by December 31, 2015.

Funding Source: Matching funds may come from a variety of sources, including the Des Moines Area MPO STP/TAP funds or other grant programs.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On October 20, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-1642, the City Council authorized the submittal of an Iowa Great Places Program grant application for improving Des Moines' commercial corridors for streetscape enhancements along 6th Avenue and 42nd Street. The application requested \$300,000 for 6th Avenue and \$300,000 for 42nd Street to construct the proposed streetscape projects. The Iowa Great Places Selection Committee and the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs awarded the 6th Avenue Corridor the Iowa Great Places designation and a \$250,000 challenge grant. The grant funds are contingent on the City of Des Moines matching the challenge grant by raising \$250,000 by the end of 2015.

The City of Des Moines may utilize any funding that is secured after January 1, 2015 for the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project as match for the challenge grant. The City of Des Moines submitted an STP/TAP application to the Des Moines Area MPO on January 23, 2015 in the amount of \$300,000 for the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project. If fully or partially awarded, those funds may count as match for the challenge grant. The City of Des Moines, in partnership with the 6th Avenue Corridor, intends to pursue additional grant funds for the project in 2015. If the City is successful in matching the challenge grant by the end of 2015, then the State will enter into a formal grant agreement with the City in early

2016 to issue and utilize the Iowa Great Places Program grant funds for construction of the 6th Avenue Streetscape project.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: October 20, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-1642](#)

Action: [Submittal](#) of an Iowa Great Places Program Grant application for improving Des Moines' commercial corridors with streetscape enhancements along 6th Avenue and 42nd Street. ([Council Communication No. 14-510](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

If the City is successful in matching the challenge grant by the end of 2015, then the State will enter into a formal grant agreement with the City in early 2016 to issue and utilize the Iowa Great Places Program grant funds for construction of the 6th Avenue Streetscape project.

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