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|  <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p> | Date: April 6, 2015 |
| | Agenda Item No. 24 Roll Call No. <u>15-0584</u> Communication No. <u>15-164</u> Submitted by: Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director |

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing submittal of a Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant application to the State Historical Society of Iowa for a National Register of Historic Places district nomination in the North of Grand Neighborhood (NOG).

SYNOPSIS:

The State Historical Society of Iowa is soliciting applications for their FY2016 HRDP. The applications are due April 30, 2015. The City of Des Moines Community Development Department has been working with NOG to conduct architectural and historical reconnaissance survey work in the neighborhood. This work has identified an area or areas that are potentially eligible for National Register listing. NOG would like to see this nomination process move forward with this potential funding opportunity. The HRDP application would request \$13,000 for the project with the total project cost estimated at around \$19,500.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The HRDP application will seek funding to hire a professional historical consultant to identify any and all eligible districts within NOG and work with the neighborhood association and City staff to proceed with the historic district nomination process. The consultant will be tasked with preparing the necessary documentation to complete the nomination and to present and speak on behalf of the project to the State Historic Preservation Office, the State Nominations Review Committee, and any other necessary reviews.

The role of the North of Grand Neighborhood Association will be to secure any and all necessary local matching funds for the project. NOG will also provide support to the consultant on the project's background and history, as well as putting the consultant in contact with affected property owners. The City's role will be to act as the fiscal agent for any grant funds awarded by the State. The City will also lead and manage the procurement process, with assistance from NOG, to identify and select a qualified consultant.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Future City Council action may be necessary to accept the HRDP grant funds from the State, if the application is successful and the project is awarded funding.

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