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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>15-1596</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>15-504</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving and authorizing execution of grant agreements and cost share obligation, approving Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Administrative Plans, and authorizing voluntary acquisition of property for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 2014 HMGP Buyout Projects, Grant No. DR-4181 and Grant No. DR-4184.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approving and authorizing execution of grant agreements and cost share obligation, approving HMGP Administrative Plans, and authorizing voluntary acquisition of property for the FEMA 2014 HMGP Buyout Projects, Grant No. DR-4181 and Grant No. DR-4184.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$1,647,029 estimated - \$274,179 (Grant No. DR-4181) and \$1,372,850 (Grant No. DR-4184) for acquisition, relocation, demolition, closing and labor.

Funding Source: 2015-2016 Operating Budget, Page 82, Engineering Department, Special Revenue and Other Funds, Storms Mitigation/Recovery, S854:

- FEMA 75% - \$1,235,272
- State of Iowa 10% - \$164,703
- City of Des Moines 15% - \$247,054

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The State of Iowa will receive FEMA funding under the HMGP as part of Presidential Disaster Declaration DR-4187-1A (August 5, 2014) as a result of severe storms, tornadoes and straight-line winds and flooding that occurred in Iowa during the summer of 2014. The State is making available HMGP funds for those eligible hazard mitigation project types that will reduce or eliminate the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires a FEMA approved local hazard mitigation plan prior to FEMA awarding HMGP project funds. On July 28, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-1144, City Council approved and adopted the Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

On October 31, 2014, the City of Des Moines submitted a Notice of Interest to the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (IHSEMD) in order to be eligible for consideration to

apply for HMGP funds, and on November 5, 2014, the City received a formal invitation to complete and submit an application.

City staff contacted property owners and 12 eligible owners have expressed interest in voluntary participation in the program. The properties have been appraised by an independent appraiser, which is a requirement for the application process. Acquired properties will be cleared of all structures and include a deed restriction limiting their use to green space only. This will allow the land to return to its natural state and restore its floodplain functions.

On June 16, 2015, IHSEMD notified the City that the HMGP funding was less than previously estimated, and that they would need to split the Des Moines project into two (2) applications and grants, one (1) under Grant No. DR-4181 and one (1) under Grant No. DR-4184. Both applications have been submitted to FEMA for final review and approval. On September 15, 2015, IHSEMD notified the City that federal assistance under the HMGP Program, disaster DR-4181, has been awarded in accordance with the scope of work and budget that were included in the application submitted and approved by IHSEMD and FEMA. The application for Grant No. DR-4184 is still being reviewed by FEMA and is expected to be approved in mid to late October 2015.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: June 8, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-0903](#)

Action: [Authorization](#) to submit a HMGP application and request to the FEMA for proposed voluntary hazard mitigation acquisition buyout and demolition project. ([Council Communication No. 15-300](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: July 28, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-1144](#)

Action: [Adopting](#) the Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. ([Council Communication No. 14-350](#)) Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: July 13, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-1284](#)

Action: [Polk](#) County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan as required by the FEMA HMGP. ([Council Communication No. 09-488](#)) Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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