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	Agenda Item No. 39 Roll Call No. <u>17-1485</u> Communication No. <u>17-619</u> Submitted by: Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of grant application to the State Historic Preservation Commission to support historic preservation activities as identified in PlanDSM and recently adopted neighborhood plans.

SYNOPSIS:

As a Certified Local Government, the City of Des Moines is requesting \$15,000 in funding to support educational activities and workshops that will promote the sensitive rehabilitation of historic housing stock throughout Des Moines.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The following activities that are proposed to be undertaken with this grant include:
 - Updating the Historic District Design Guidelines, and translating into Spanish.
 - Partnering with the Des Moines Rehabber’s Club, a 501c3 nonprofit, to host seminars that promote rehabilitation of historic properties as a sustainable practice with economic benefits to the homeowner.
 - Partnering with the Des Moines Rehabber’s Club to provide hands-on workshops to develop technical skills and grow the local network of qualified rehabbers.
 - Working with a consultant to assist the River Bend Neighborhood Association in evaluating an expansion of their local historic district.
- City staff and the Historic Preservation Commission will oversee and manage the above projects. The grant provides 60% of the total project costs. The City match will be provided through in-kind staff time to update and translate the Historic District Guidelines.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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