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	Submitted by:	Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution approving 28E Agreement for Assessment of Fair Housing.

SYNOPSIS:

The Assessment of Fair Housing is a requirement from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive federal entitlement funds. The Assessment of Fair Housing is a local and regional evaluation of spatial and social relationships—especially the living patterns of minority groups, the disabled, the elderly, and other classes protected by state and federal laws—to decipher where and to what degree segregation occurs.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The geographic boundary for an Assessment of Fair Housing is to be done across Core-Based Statistical Area (CBSA) as outlined by the US Department of Commerce. Des Moines falls within a CBSA that includes Dallas, Guthrie, Madison, Polk, and Warren Counties.

The City of West Des Moines and the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) also receive federal funds that require an Assessment of Fair Housing. Because West Des Moines and DMMHA are within the same CBSA as Des Moines, the entities will be using the same data to create its fair housing goals. To prevent duplication of efforts, HUD has suggested a joint submission of one Assessment of Fair Housing for the three program participants.

In addition, the Continuum of Care, DART, and the Polk County Housing Trust Fund intend to help with data needs and serve on the steering committee. Their participation is voluntary. The staff recommends approving the 28E Agreement between the three program participants—Des Moines, West Des Moines, and DMMHA—and the collaborating organizations to submit a regional assessment to HUD.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

It should take approximately nine (9) months to one (1) year to complete the Assessment of Fair Housing. Once completed, the City will be asked to approve the final report.

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