


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	MHGB4	Roll Call:	19-1285
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AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) to submit the Mainstream Voucher Program grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval for the submission of the Mainstream Voucher Program grant application to HUD, and authorization for the Community Development Director to execute and implement the grant if awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$536,808 (grant revenue)

Funding Source: 2019-2020 Operating Budget: Housing Services Department – S350 HSG125000 – Section 8, page 123.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The DMMHA has received funding from HUD since March 25, 1969 for Section 8 rental assistance programs. HUD announced funding availability for additional Housing Choice Vouchers through the Mainstream Voucher Program on July 2, 2019.
- The Housing Choice Vouchers under this funding availability will provide housing assistance to families that include a non-elderly disabled person with disabilities that have previously experienced homelessness and currently are a client in a permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project. DMMHA is applying for funding for 100 Mainstream Vouchers. The vouchers would entitle DMMHA to housing assistance funding in the approximate amount of \$536,808.

- If received, Mainstream Vouchers will be administered by DMMHA, referrals will come through Primary Health Care's Centralized Intake and supportive services will be provided by Iowa Homeless Youth Center, Anawim Housing, and Primary Health Care. Utilizing Mainstream vouchers will result in a cost-effective strategy to provide more housing options for non-elderly, disabled households and will create flow in the community's homeless response system.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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