


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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|  | Number: | 21-297 | Meeting: | June 28, 2021 |
| | Agenda Item: | MHGB3 | Roll Call: | 21-0941 |
| | Submitted by: | SuAnn Donovan, Acting Neighborhood Services Department Director | | |

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between the City of Des Moines, Iowa, Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA), the Polk County Continuum of Care, and Primary Healthcare, Inc. for housing search assistance for the Emergency Housing Assistance Voucher Program.

SYNOPSIS:

The DMMHA will receive 120 Emergency Housing Assistance Vouchers from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The DMMHA will partner with the Polk County Continuum of Care, and their centralized intake provider, Primary Healthcare, Inc., for client selection and housing search assistance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: DMMHA will pay Primary Healthcare, Inc. \$3,500 per voucher issued for housing search assistance and 50% of all placement fees DMMHA receives from HUD.

Funding Source: HUD Emergency Housing Voucher Program

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Emergency Housing Voucher program is available through the American Rescue Plan Act. As a part of the program, the DMMHA will receive 120 vouchers for use in Polk County. In partnership with the Polk County Continuum of Care, and their centralized intake provider, Primary Healthcare, Inc., these vouchers will be eligible for the following individuals:
 - Currently Homeless
 - Domestic Violence
 - Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the household's return to homelessness and have a high risk of housing instability.
 - At risk of homelessness
- Additionally, Primary Healthcare, Inc., will provide the following assistance:
 - Housing Search Assistance
 - Security Deposit Assistance
 - Utility Deposit Assistance
 - Application Fee Assistance

- Holding Fees for Landlords
- Owner Recruitment and Outreach
- Owner Incentive/Retention Payments
- Moving Expenses
- Tenant Readiness Services
- Essential Household Items
- Transportation Assistance

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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