

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-416	Meeting:	October 4, 2021
	Agenda Item:	30	Roll Call:	21-1481
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of contract with Home Opportunities Made Easy, Inc. (HOME, Inc.) for operating support as a designated community housing development organization (CHDO) under the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME).

SYNOPSIS:

The City of Des Moines may provide up to 5% of its annual HOME allocation for the operating expenses of CHDOs. These expenses may include operating costs of the CHDO. HOME, Inc. is the only CHDO in Des Moines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$35,000 of HOME Funds

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- As a requirement for recertification, the Neighborhood Services Department reviews and verifies various information related to their organization, such as current work capacity, project pipeline, and the annual audit. These items are based on a HUD-approved checklist and process for CHDO certification.
- The City receives an annual allocation between \$750,000 and \$1 million in HOME funds from HUD. HOME funds are designated to either construct or rehab affordable homeownership and rental housing.
- In 2020, the City approved a 5-year financial commitment of \$1,875,000 of HOME funds to HOME Inc., on a project basis to construct at least 10 homeownership housing units for low-income households and provide homebuyer assistance for 22 low-income homebuyers between 2020 and 2024.
- This recertification represents a routine commitment of \$35,000 of operating funds to HOME Inc. that was also approved in 2020.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 23, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-0526](#)

Action: Allocation of Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds for development of affordable housing to the following:

- (A) [Allocation](#) of Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds for development of affordable housing to Home Opportunities Made Easy, Incorporated (HOME, Inc.) using Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside funds. ([Council Communication No. 20-134](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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