


## MHGB COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>23-537</b>	Meeting:	<b>December 4, 2023</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>MHGB5</b>	Roll Call:	<b>23-1669</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Approving City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) submittal of the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinator Program grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

### SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Municipal Housing Governing Board approval for submission of the ROSS Service Coordinator Program grant to the HUD and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the Executive Director (Neighborhood Services Director) or his designee to implement the grant if awarded.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$272,500 (three {3}-year grant award)

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Approved Operating Budget: Housing Services Department – Public Housing S350 HS120130, Page 109

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The purpose of the Public Housing ROSS Service Coordinators program is to provide funding for the provision of a Service Coordinator to coordinate supportive services and other activities designed to help public housing residents attain economic and housing self-sufficiency. This program works to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under the Public Housing program with public and private resources, for supportive services and resident empowerment activities. These services should enable participating families to increase earned income, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, and to make progress toward achieving economic independence and housing self-sufficiency.
- DMMHA was most recently awarded the ROSS Service Coordinators program three (3)-year grant funding in FY2020 which covered the salary of a full-time Family Service Coordinator. A Service Coordinator ensures that program participants are linked to the supportive services they need to achieve self-sufficiency or to remain independent. The ROSS Service Coordinator grant will provide three (3) years of funding, including administrative expenses and training as eligible uses of the funds and requires a 25% match by statute. The Agency's 25% match will come from in-kind services provided by various community social service agencies.

- To date of the FY2020 grant reporting period, 282 residents were directly served by the ROSS Coordinator and were provided 5,290 referrals.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: November 9, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-1735](#)

Action: [Approving](#) City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency submittal of the ROSS Service Coordinator Program Grant Application to the HUD. ([Board Communication No. 20-479](#)) Moved by Boesen to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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