

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	24-427	Meeting:	October 21, 2024
	Agenda Item:	MHGB3	Roll Call:	24-1407
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) submittal of the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program Coordinators grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Municipal Housing Governing Board (MHGB) approval for submission of the FSS Program Coordinator grant to HUD and authorization for the Mayor or Housing Executive Director to execute and implement the grant if awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$431,224

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Operating Budget: Housing Services Department – S350 HSG125000 – Section 8, Page 114

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The DMMHA received funding last year from HUD for three (3) full-time program FSS Coordinators to administer the FSS Program. Renewal grantees are eligible for expansion positions under this 2024 funding notice, DMMHA is requesting one (1) expansion position in its funding request. The purpose of the FSS Program is to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing assistance with public and private resources to enable participating families to increase earned income and financial literacy, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, and make progress toward economic independence and self-sufficiency.
- The FSS Coordinators provide individual case management to assist participants in achieving goals to become self-sufficient. FSS Coordinators provide referrals, training, education, and job development skills to enrolled participants. The DMMHA has provided such a program since 1985 and provided case management to 198 FSS participants during the target period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. During the target period, 20 FSS participants graduated successfully from the program.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board

Date: September 12, 2022

Resolution Number: [22-1371](#)

Action: [Approving](#) DMMHA submittal of the FSS Program Coordinators grant application to HUD. [\(Board Communication No. 22-396\)](#) Moved by Gatto to approve. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 7-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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