

## MHGB COMMUNICATION

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|  | Number:       | <b>25-377</b>                                                    | Meeting:   | <b>October 20, 2025</b> |
|                                                                                   | Agenda Item:  | <b>MHGB4</b>                                                     | Roll Call: | <b>25-1374</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 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 approval for submission of the FSS Program Coordinators grant to HUD and authorization for the Mayor or Housing Executive Director to execute and implement the grant if awarded.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$442,004

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Operating Budget – Housing Services Department – S350, HSG125000 – Section 8, Page 115

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The DMMHA received funding last year from HUD for four (4) full-time program FSS Coordinators to administer the FSS Program. 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 205 FSS participants during Calendar Year (CY) 2024 and 200 FSS participants so far in CY2025. During CY2024, 13 FSS participants graduated successfully from the program; another 13 have graduated to date in CY2025.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Board: Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board

Date: October 21, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1407](#)

Action: [Approving](#) City of DMMHA submittal of FSS Program Coordinators grant application to the HUD. ([Board Communication No. 24-427](#)) Moved by Gatto to approve. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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