

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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AGENDA HEADING:

Agreement with Polk County Housing Trust Fund (PCHTF) for the Work That Impacts Housing Program (WTIHC).

SYNOPSIS:

The WTIHC comprises a pre-apprenticeship designed to streamline people 18 years and older, emphasizing those between the ages of 25 and 35, into the construction and building trades industry. The pre-apprentices will collaborate with Improving Our Neighborhoods (ION) and building trades partners to complete interior owner-occupied repairs in five Des Moines neighborhoods in which they reside.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: All salary expenses and repairs will be reimbursed by PCHTF

Funding Source: PCHTF

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The pre-apprenticeship comprises two phases. The first phase introduces pre-apprentices to the trades using the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) led by Forest Avenue Outreach. The participants will obtain residential experience working with ION and their contractor partners, completing interior home repairs. The second phase involves Local 106 - Carpentry Union and Des Moines Electrical Apprenticeship, guiding pre-apprentices through commercial, technical knowledge, and on-the-job training with commercial contractors, including Tri-City Electric, Baker Electric, Weitz Company, etc.
- ION will connect properties/residents in need of interior/electrical repair to the WTIHC Program pre-apprentices. The City will hire pre-apprentices on a temporary basis. The City will instruct and supervise the pre-apprentices, and they will work with our contractors and inspectors to gain the experience and knowledge needed to become apprentices with area union contractors. PCHTF will reimburse for all expenses related to the personnel and repairs made.
- This program will give residents much needed repairs and the pre-apprentices much needed experience that will allow them to move into the next step of a new career.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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