

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-261	Meeting:	August 3, 2026
	Agenda Item:	33	Roll Call:	
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Rebuilding Together and Improving Our Neighborhoods (ION).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend that the City Council approve the MOU between ION (a program of Property Improvement Division) and Rebuilding Together. This has been mutually beneficial for providing repairs that are outside of the scope of the ION program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$100,000

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 Operating Budget.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- This is a renewal of the Rebuilding Together MOU that allows ION to work with Rebuilding Together for items outside of ION's scope. Over the last two (2) years, this agreement allowed additional repair beyond ION's funding on 54 homes. To date, an additional \$256,644.15 of outside funds were used to complete repairs.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 29, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-1302](#)

Action: [Memorandum](#) of Understanding (MOU) between Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines, Inc. d/b/a Rebuilding Together and Improving Our Neighborhoods (ION) to support homeowners using the ION Homeowner Renovation Program. ([Council Communication No. 25-357](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: [SELECT ONE]

- Renew annually if mutually beneficial.

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