

Date April 6, 2009

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF APPLICATION FOR CDBG DISASTER FUNDS FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, there is a continued need in the City of Des Moines for home repairs due to the heavy rains and flooding in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) is administering the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds per a statewide allocation plan approved by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the Letter of Application (attached hereto as Exhibit A) must be submitted to IDED in order to allow the City of Des Moines to access an additional allocation of CDBG Disaster recovery funds in the amount of \$1,008,869; and

WHEREAS, these new funds will allow for the continuation of single family repair, interim mortgage assistance and down payment assistance for those eligible, and these funds will also allow support of two new activities: multi-family repair (small projects) and multi-family repair (large projects), to be administered by the Department of Community Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the CDBG Letter of Application for CDBG Disaster Funds for Housing Assistance, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is approved and that the Mayor is authorized to sign the letter of application, and the City Clerk is directed to attest to his signature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

(Council Communication 09- 209)

Glenna K. Frank

Glenna Frank
Assistant City Attorney

Moved by _____ to adopt.

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COWNIE				
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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City of Des Moines, Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Mayor

City Clerk

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April 7, 2009

Mr. Michael Tramontina, Director
Iowa Department of Economic Development
200 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309

SUBJECT: Application for CDBG Disaster Funds

Dear Mr. Tramontina:

The City of Des Moines is the proposed recipient of disaster funds for Housing Activities, including single and multi-family rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance, and interim mortgage assistance available from the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009, (P.L. 110-329).

We propose to serve as the responsible entity in the distribution of these disaster recovery funds, and pledge our best efforts to use these funds equitably among the various programs and impacted areas of our city, based upon the unmet needs of affected households and rental properties. We understand that only households and rental properties that are in FEMA-designated counties will be eligible for assistance using these funds.

In our administration of these CDBG Disaster funds, we will comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, as modified by the Waivers and Alternative Requirements promulgated by HUD in the Federal Register of February 13, 2009, Docket No. FR-5256-N-01.

We are requesting funding from the Act in the following amounts:

For the following activities: Repair and Rehabilitation of Single-Family and Multi-Family units, Homebuyer Assistance, and Interim Mortgage Assistance; with total assistance for all activities not to exceed \$ 1,008,869.

NOTE: Federal regulations require that the State of Iowa utilize at least 10% of its allocation from this appropriation for assistance to rental housing. You are encouraged to use these funds, rather than funds from the first Disaster Appropriation, for your rental housing activities, in order to help the State meet this requirement.

It is our understanding that the Iowa Department of Economic Development will, using the latest available data, allocate the funds based on the amount of unmet need within our city as compared to the state as a whole. We further understand that the amounts may eventually be increased or decreased based upon utilization of the funds provided and the potential availability of additional federal funds.

Included with this letter of application is a Minority Impact Statement, which we have completed and signed as required by recent Iowa legislation.

Sincerely,

T.M. Franklin Cownie
City of Des Moines, Iowa

Attest: _____
Diane Rauh, City Clerk

“Exhibit A”

Minority Impact Statement

Pursuant to 2008 Iowa Acts, HF 2393, Iowa Code Section 8.11, all grant applications submitted to the State of Iowa which are due beginning January 1, 2009 shall include a Minority Impact Statement. This is the state's mechanism to require grant applicants to consider the potential impact of the grant project's proposed programs or policies on minority groups.

Please choose the statement(s) that pertains to this grant application. Complete all the information requested for the chosen statement(s).

- The proposed grant project programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique positive impact on minority persons.

Describe the positive impact expected from this project

Indicate which group is impacted:

- Women
- Persons with a Disability
- Blacks
- Latinos
- Asians
- Pacific Islanders
- American Indians
- Alaskan Native Americans
- Other

- The proposed grant project programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique negative impact on minority persons.

Describe the negative impact expected from this project

Present the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy.

Provide evidence of consultation of representatives of the minority groups impacted.

Indicate which group is impacted:

- Women
- Persons with a Disability
- Blacks
- Latinos
- Asians
- Pacific Islanders
- American Indians
- Alaskan Native Americans
- Other

- The proposed grant project programs or policies are not expected to have a disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons.

Present the rationale for determining no impact.

I hereby certify that the information on this form is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge:

Name: **Kathy Kahoun**

Title: **Neighborhood Development Administrator**

Definitions

“Minority Persons”, as defined in Iowa Code Section 8.11, mean individuals who are women, persons with a disability, Blacks, Latinos, Asians or Pacific Islanders, American Indians, and Alaskan Native Americans.

“Disability”, as defined in Iowa Code Section 15.102, subsection 5, paragraph “b”, subparagraph (1):

b. As used in this subsection:

(1) *“Disability”* means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, a record of physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, or being regarded as an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual.

“Disability” does not include any of the following:

- (a) Homosexuality or bisexuality.
- (b) Transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments or other sexual behavior disorders.
- (c) Compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania.
- (d) Psychoactive substance abuse disorders resulting from current illegal use of drugs.

“State Agency”, as defined in Iowa Code Section 8.11, means a department, board, bureau, commission, or other agency or authority of the State of Iowa.