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Date May 21, 2018

APPROVING THE CITY OF DES MOINES MUNICIPAL HOUSING AGENCY SUBMITTAL OF THE EMERGENCY SAFETY AND SECURITY GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines, Iowa Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) currently has a Capital Fund Grant; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has published a notice of funding availability for Fiscal Year 2018 for the Emergency Safety and Security grant under the Capital Fund Program; and

WHEREAS, DMMHA staff have prepared an Emergency Safety and Security Grant application to HUD for \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, receipt of this funding would allow for DMMHA to upgrade and install new security cameras at five Public Housing apartment buildings; and

WHEREAS, the funding would also allow DMMHA to install any additional items that may be needed for DMMHA to meet the Crime Free Multi-Housing program recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Housing Governing Board of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the submission of the Emergency Safety and Security Grant application to the HUD is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon award of this grant by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Mayor as Chairman of the Municipal Housing Governing Board is hereby authorized to execute the Grant documents and the Interim Director of the DMMHA or her designee is also authorized to execute any related documents to implement the Grant.

(Board Comm. No. 18-242)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Glenna K. Frank
Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

MOVED BY _____ TO APPROVE.

M.H.G.B. ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BOESEN				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
MANDELBAUM				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED			APPROVED	
_____ Mayor				

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.

_____ City Clerk

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May 14, 2018

To whom it may concern,

My name is Shawna Isaac and I am a senior police officer with the Des Moines Police Department. I am also the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program Coordinator for the City of Des Moines. I have overseen this program for the past three years and have also worked closely with the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency on a regular basis in an attempt to maintain the best standards possible at their multi-family dwellings. Through their participation in this program, multiple program requirements are met through an on-going basis to ensure full cooperation which allows us to combat crime together. To begin, Crime Free Multi-Housing is an international program designed to reduce crime, drugs and gangs at apartment communities. This program consists of three phases that support each other in combatting crime, reducing calls for service, creating a more stable resident base, and educating staff as well as residents for an optimal outcome.

Phase-1 is called Active Property Management. Through this requirement, PHA staff attends a 1-day certification course that focuses heavily on the topics of The Application Process, Building Communities, Rental Agreements, Lease Addendums, Dealing with Non-Compliance, Safety & Prevention, Combatting Illegal Activity, and Building a Partnership with the Police. This certification must be renewed a minimum of every two years for staff to be considered current. DMMHA staff meets this requirement on an annual basis. In addition to the certification component, staff is expected to work WITH the police department to collaborate in solutions when crime or other issues that affect quality of life are identified at the property level. Many of these are identified through analysis of the calls-for-service history which are evaluated on a monthly basis between the CFMH office and DMMHA staff. Actions are expected when serious issues arise which further demonstrates the organization's commitment to active property management.

Phase-2 of the program is called CPTED which stands for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. In this phase, the property is evaluated for layout and other environmental concerns. There are 7 mandatory pass-fail criteria that must be met and then maintained for a property to be CPTED compliant. DMMHA has four properties that have met

full CPTED certification. In addition, they have been actively working to improve other locations through the inspection process to also meet the requirement and become fully CFMH compliant. In order to achieve this goal, the DMMHA was provided with a check-list outlining the mandatory minimum requirements which are:

1. Dead bolt locks on all apartment entry doors
2. Eye viewers on all apartment entry doors
3. Lift & slide protection on windows
4. Lift & slide protection on sliding doors accessible from the ground level
5. Strike plates with 3" screws
6. Proper trimming of trees & bushes
7. Adequate security lighting

These requirements, once met, must be maintained in order to be program-compliant. At all random checks, DMMHA has met the requirement and demonstrated on-going maintenance as outlined by the program. There are other elements evaluated to include fencing visibilities, clear lines of sight, common areas layouts, money-handling procedures, etc. These items do not dictate a pass vs. fail score in the inspection, but they are noted in the final review and suggestions are provided as necessary to provide feedback and additional consideration for property enhancements.

Phase-3 of the program is the Tenant Social which is the opportunity for officers to meet the tenants and share a crime-free message which is generally delivered in a presentation format. The objective is to engage the residents and instill them with the mindset to support the Crime Free program principles at their property which further enables management for success. DMMHA must host DMPD at each location once per year as we educate residents about self-accountability, reporting problems and utilizing police resources, among other topics.

Through active participation in this program and the three noted phases that structure the concept, multiple suggestions have been made pertaining to the various DMMHA properties that I believe will further enhance safety and crime prevention while also enabling follow-up investigations and serving as a general tool(s) for enforcement. Among these suggestions are additions of security cameras, upgrades to existing security cameras, primary entry door upgrades, additions of fencing (that meets the clear line-of-sight concepts outlined in CPTED), and alarms. Given the calls-for-service data for the properties, the neighborhoods of their location, and the city as a whole, I believe these additions would greatly enhance the existing and underlying efforts already in place through the CFMH program participation and would greatly combat the existing crime while deterring any potential future crime that might take place at DMMHA properties.

I am pleased to write an endorsement for consideration of the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency due to the good-standing relationship they hold with the Des Moines Police Department and their commitment to keep crime out of rental properties. I would be happy to

answer any additional questions you may have regarding the program, the cooperation between our agencies, and the overall goals of improving the locations for the sake of quality of living for the tenants who reside there. My contact information is listed below and I would welcome any inquiries.

Respectfully,

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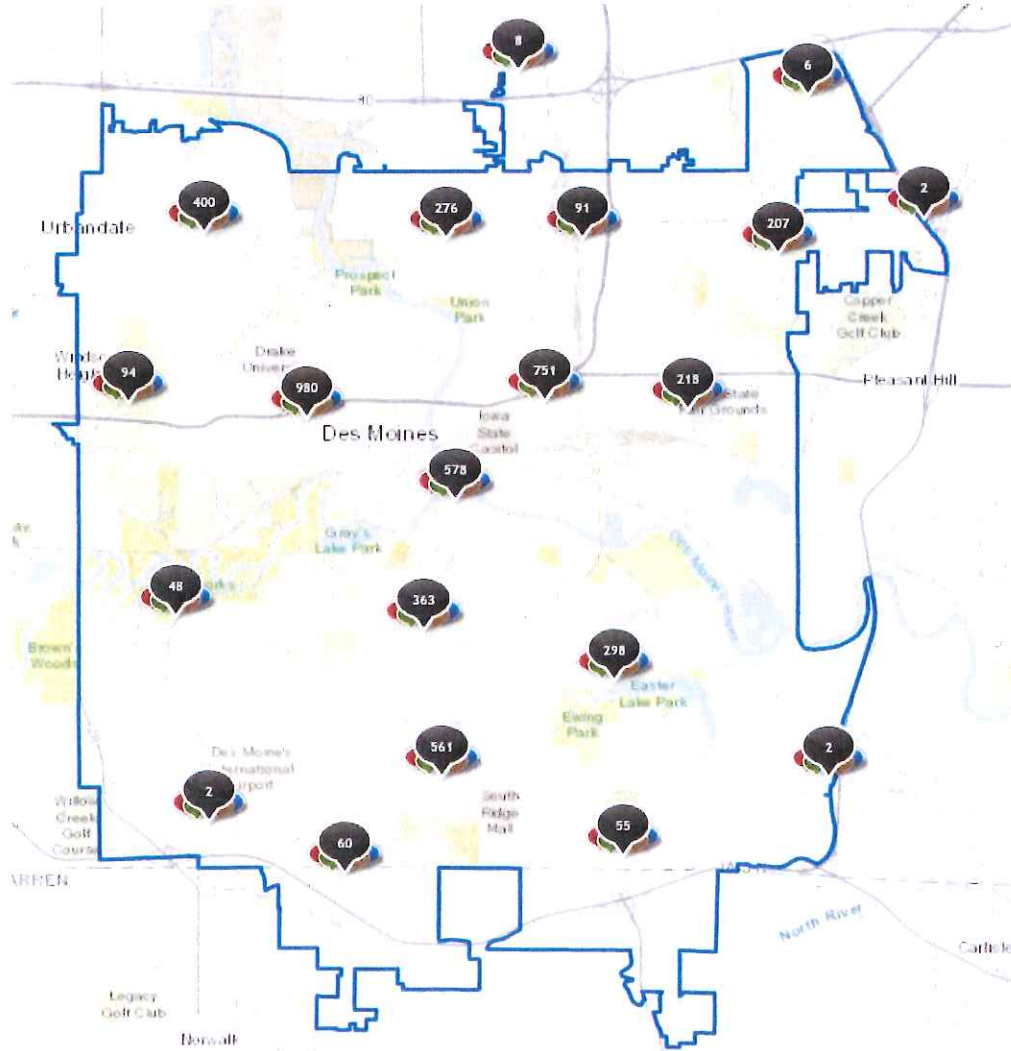
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