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Date August 23, 2021

**APPROVE SECOND ADVANCE TO IMPACT COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FOR
THE SECOND ROUND OF THE
EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY**

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2020 the U.S. Department of Treasury was authorized to make available \$25 billion to assist households with the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), as included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2021 by Roll Call No. 21-0026, Council approved an application to the U.S. Treasury for the first round of ERAP funds, which totaled \$6,410,165.20, and authorized an advance of ERAP funds to IMPACT Community Action Agency to continue its rental assistance efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan—which continues many of the programs started by the CARES Act (2020) and Consolidated Appropriations Act (2021) by adding new phases, new allocations, and new guidance, including a second round of funding for ERAP—was signed into law; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021 by Roll Call No. 21-0701, Council approved another application to the U.S. Treasury for the second round of ERAP funds, which totaled \$5,072,063.70, and authorized up to 50 percent advance of ERAP funds to IMPACT Community Action Agency to continue its rental assistance efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, eligible grantees for ERAP includes States, U.S. Territories, local governments with more than 200,000 residents, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, in Iowa, eligible grantees for ERAP includes Linn County, Polk County, and the City of Des Moines; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of awarded funds must be used for direct financial assistance—including rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing—for eligible residents of Des Moines. Remaining funds are available for housing stability services, including case management and other services intended to keep households stably housed, and administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, eligible residents of Des Moines includes those who qualify for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19; demonstrate a risk of experiencing



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homelessness or housing instability; and have a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median; and

WHEREAS, IMPACT Community Action has obligated \$5,072,063.70 in ERAP 2 funds to renters and landlords in Des Moines and has requested the balance of \$3,043,238.22 to be advanced to complete emergency rental assistance payments already approved under the program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that an advance of \$3,043,238.22 in ERAP 2 funds to IMPACT is hereby approved, and Neighborhood Services staff is authorized to request to the Finance Department the advance of \$3,043,238.22 in ERAP 2 funds.

(Council Comm. No. 21-)

MOVED BY _____ TO ADOPT

FORM APPROVED:

Judy K. Parks-Kruse
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Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BOESEN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
MANDELBAUM				
VOSS				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED		APPROVED		
_____ Mayor				

CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, 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