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AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A LETTER OF APPLICATION TO
THE POLK COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND (PCHTF) FOR PRIVATE FUNDS
TO PROVIDE GAP FUNDING WITHIN THE
JUMPSTART HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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, since October 2008, the City of Des Moines Community Development Department—NCS Division has been administering the Jumpstart Housing Assistance Program with Federal Community Development Block Grant and State of Iowa funds; and

WHEREAS, due to the restrictions of the State and Federal funding sources being used for the Jumpstart Housing Assistance Program, there is sometimes a funding gap, typically ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 that is needed in order to fund the projects supported by this Program; and

WHEREAS, funding regulations require that in order to receive Jumpstart Program home repair/rehabilitation assistance, a homeowner must document how all of the funds received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) were spent, and due to the length of time that has elapsed, the use of cash for expenses, the purchase of non-FEMA approved items and other circumstances, some homeowners are unable to provide complete documentation; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Housing Trust Fund has supplemental private funds that could be used to allow the City of Des Moines to assist more homeowners repair their homes through the Jumpstart Program by providing private gap funding, if a Letter of Application (attached hereto as Exhibit A) is submitted by the City and approved by Polk County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Polk County Housing Trust Fund Letter of Application attached hereto is approved and the City Manager or Designee is authorized to sign and submit the Letter.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Glenna K. Frank
Glenna Frank
Assistant City Attorney

Moved by Kiernan to approve.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				✓
COLEMAN	✓			
KIERNAN	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
VLASSIS	✓			
TOTAL	6			1

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

T. M. Franklin
Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, Diane Rauh, 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.

Diane Rauh
City Clerk