

Date September 28, 2009

## APPROVING REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDS FROM THE CONSOLIDATED SECURITY, DISASTER ASSISTANCE, AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2009 FOR THE BUSINESS DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) has received U.S. federal funds under the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009 (P.L. 110-329); and

WHEREAS, IDED has developed the Business Rental Assistance Program (BRAP), provided through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-1557, the City Council of the City of Des Moines approved a contract with IDED (08-DRB-203) for the amount of \$250,000 for City administration of the BRAP project with the primary purpose of providing funding for rental assistance for businesses and non-profit organizations that rented space after September 2008 or are currently renting space in a building that was physically impacted by flooding in the City of Des Moines and that meet defined eligibility criteria as well as for certain administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, it is a requirement of HUD to prepare an Environmental Review Record (ERR) before federal or nonfederal funds can be released for the use of program activities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Development is the HUD designated Responsible Entity (RE) and is required to prepare and maintain the ERR for HUD Grants awarded to projects in the City of Des Moines, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Development has the responsibility to prepare and maintain the ERR for HUD grants and has determined that the project is Categorically Excluded not subject to Sec.58.5 of the federal environmental review procedures under 24CFR Part 58.35(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is designated as certifying officer for purposes of 24 CFR 58.71 and is authorized to execute the "Finding of Categorical Exclusion: Not Subject To Related Federal Laws and Authorities and Request for Release of Funds (Exhibit A) which form is hereby approved, and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

★ Roll Call Number 09-1757

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Agenda Item Number 29

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(Council Communication No. 09-678)

to adopt. Moved by \_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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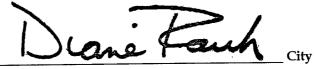
**Glenna K. Frank** Assistant City Attorney

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## 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.



City Clerk