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Date August 9, 2010

Resolution Authorizing Submittal Of Application For Community Challenge Planning Grant Sponsored by US Department of Housing and Urban Development

WHEREAS, the Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 provided \$40 million for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Challenge Planning Grants to foster reform and reduce barriers to achieving affordable, economically viable and sustainable communities, and

WHEREAS, such efforts may include amending or replacing local master plans, zoning codes and building codes on a jurisdiction-wide basis to promote mixed-use development, affordable housing, the reuse of older building and structures for new purposes, and similar activities with the goal of promoting sustainability at the local level, and

WHEREAS, up to \$3 million may be awarded to an individual jurisdiction to conduct such efforts, and

WHEREAS, applicants must provide 20 percent of the requested funding amount in leveraged resources in the form of cash, verified in-kind contributions or a combination of these sources, and

WHEREAS, in-kind contributions may be in the form of staff time, donated materials, or services and cash contributions may come from any combination of local, state or Federal funds, or private and philanthropic contributions dedicated to the express purposes of this proposal, and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2010 the City of Des Moines submitted a pre-application for a Community Challenge grant of up to \$3 million to complete a comprehensive plan update to incorporate a land use inventory and sustainable planning principles mandated by the State of Iowa; to audit and re-write zoning and construction codes to support transit, housing affordability, sustainability and green building goals; and to conduct a downtown sustainability study that includes the Eco-Core demonstration project; and

WHEREAS, City Staff has identified at least \$350,000 of leveraged resources for the Community Challenge grant which includes \$250,000 of U.S. Department of Energy funds that may be reallocated for the Downtown Sustainability study and at least \$100,000 of in-kind match that will be comprised of staff time and overhead from within the normal operating budget of the Community Development Department, and

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WHEREAS, the application deadline for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Challenge Planning Grant program is August 23, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the City Council authorizes and directs staff to submit an application for a Community Challenge Planning Grant sponsored by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of up to \$1.75 million and authorizes the City Manager to sign the grant application for submission.

MOVED by Coleman to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:


 Michael F. Kelley
 Assistant City Attorney

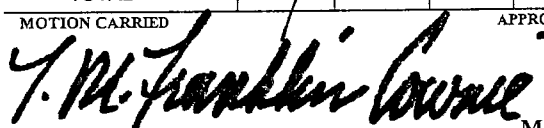
(Council Communication No. 10-485)

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GRIESS	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			

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.

MOTION CARRIED 7 APPROVED

 T. M. Franklin
 Mayor


 Diane Rauh
 City Clerk