

★ **Roll Call Number**
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Date February 14, 2011

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP)
APPLICATION AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) GRANT PROGRAM REQUEST
TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)
FOR PROPOSED VOLUNTARY HAZARD MITIGATION
ACQUISITION BUYOUT AND DEMOLITION PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2010 there was a Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the flood events of August 2010 caused substantial damage to numerous properties throughout the City of Des Moines; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2010, Polk County was added to the federal disaster declaration under Disaster Number 1930; and

WHEREAS, based on structural assessments by City staff, there are sixty (60) properties that are located in a 100-year floodplain that have suffered substantial damage and the property owners have expressed interest in a voluntary buy-out program; and

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides grants to State and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a Presidential disaster has been declared in order to implement measures during the recovery phase of a disaster to prevent additional damages in future disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program provides grants to State, Tribal and local governments for debris removal, emergency procedure measures, and the repair, replacement or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will fund up to 75 percent of the mitigation and demolition projects' total cost, 10 percent of each project will be funded by the State, and the remaining 15 percent of each project will be the responsibility of the City of Des Moines as the local applicant; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2010, the City of Des Moines submitted a Notice of Interest (NOI) to the Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division in order to be eligible for consideration to apply for HMGP funds; and

WHEREAS, October 29, 2010, the City of Des Moines received a formal invitation to complete and submit an HMGP application; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Community Development Department intends to submit an application for HMGP funds to implement a voluntary buy-out program for flood damaged residential properties primarily in the Four Mile Area and other floodplain areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines is currently required to submit a "Request for demolition and debris removal pursuant to Section 404 HMGP", in the form on file in the office of the City Clerk, in order to request and be eligible for consideration for PA Program funding for the demolition of the properties anticipated to be acquired as part of the voluntary buy-out program described above.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Mayor and/ or City Manager are authorized and directed to sign the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application as appropriate once completed.



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2. The City Engineer is authorized and directed to sign the "Request for demolition and debris removal pursuant to Section 404 HMGP" and to immediately submit said Request to the Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division in order to make a formal request to FEMA and meet FEMA and State deadlines to maintain applicability for PA Program funding for demolition.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to deliver the signed HMGP application to the Real Estate Division, and the Real Estate Division is hereby authorized and directed to submit the HMGP application on behalf of the City of Des Moines to the Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division.
4. If the City's application for HMGP funds is granted, the Community Development Department and the Engineering Department's Real Estate Division are directed to seek City Council acceptance of the HMGP funds and approval for future actions necessary and proper to implement the proposed voluntary acquisition project.
5. If the City's Request for PA Program funding for demolition is granted, the Community Development Department and the Engineering Department's Real Estate Division are directed to seek City Council acceptance of the PA Program funding and approval for future actions necessary and property to implement the proposed demolition project.

(Council Communication No. 11-087)

Moved by Coleman to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Glenna K. Frank
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Assistant City Attorney

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