

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-203  
APRIL 21, 1997 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
CONTRACT WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF IOWA FOR ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARENT LEADER PROJECT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JAMES GRANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

**SYNOPSIS —**

Awarding \$40,000 in Enterprise Community Social Service Block Grant (SSBG) entitlement funds to Children and Families of Iowa for the Enterprise Community Parent Leadership Project.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

Enterprise Community SSBG entitlement funds in the amount of \$40,000 will be utilized.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Award and authorize contract negotiations with Children and Families of Iowa for SSBG funding consistent with the Enterprise Community Strategic Plan.

**BACKGROUND —**

On November 20, 1995, by Roll Call No. 95-4424, the City Council approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Des Moines, the State of Iowa, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development which incorporates the Enterprise Community Strategic Plan and the benchmarks which measure the progress of major projects contained in the Enterprise Community Strategic Plan.

A public notice announcing the Enterprise Community Parent Leadership Project was distributed, posted, and published.

The applications were reviewed by the EC Human Environment Work Group. The review process included both a review of the project application and interviews with the project applicants. At the time of review, the committee decided to expand the scope of services to not only work with parents on child care issues, but also assist families of centers facing problems that affect the family and then provide needed resources and referrals.

The Enterprise Community Steering Committee, at its April 3, 1997, meeting, reviewed the applications and the accompanying recommendations. The Enterprise Community Steering Committee (ECSC) recommended the application from Children and Families of Iowa for approval for contract negotiation.

Upon review of all of the project applications, Community Development Department staff concurs with the Enterprise Community Steering Committee recommendations.