

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 82A

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-484
SEPTEMBER 22, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
AMENDMENT TO POLK COUNTY CHILD NET CONTRACT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JAMES GRANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

The Enterprise Community Employment Consortium (ECEC) was formed in response to the High Quality Jobs benchmark in the Enterprise Community (EC) Strategic Plan. It was determined that child care assistance was needed in order for parents to participate in the ECEC Program. The EC Steering Committee proposed that parents in the ECEC Program requiring child care assistance be initially screened through Mid-City Vision or Iowa Comprehensive Human Services (ICHS), who would then refer them to Polk County Child Net.

FISCAL IMPACT —

\$380,000 of EC Social Service Block Grant (SSBG) funds.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approve Community Development staff's amendment to the Polk County Child Net contract so Child Net can utilize the \$380,000 subsidy dollars for families who participate in the EC Employment Consortium Program.

BACKGROUND —

On December 21, 1994, the City of Des Moines was notified that a portion of Des Moines was designated an Enterprise Community by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the City received funding from HUD in the amount of \$2.9 million to be used for implementation of the City's EC Strategic Plan.

The EC Steering Committee voted at its August 7, 1997 meeting to approve Polk County Child Net to utilize \$380,000 in child care subsidy dollars for children whose parents participate in EC training and support programs.

On July 7, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-2358, City Council approved a \$20,000 contract to Polk County Child Net to be used to administer the EC child care subsidy program. This request is to amend the contract with Polk County Child Net to include \$380,000 to be disbursed to child care providers according to guidelines established by the EC Steering Committee. This additional \$380,000 brings the total Polk County Child Care contract to \$400,000.