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### GENERAL INFORMATION

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### SUBJECT—

Authorizing Submission of Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant Application

### SYNOPSIS—

Requesting approval for submission of grant application for the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the City Manager to implement grant if awarded.

### FISCAL IMPACT—

Grant application is for \$121,948 over a one-year period.

### RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

### BACKGROUND—

The City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency received funding last year from HUD for a full-time program coordinator to administer a Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program for Section 8 clients.

The program coordinator provides individual case management to assist clients in achieving goals to become self-sufficient. FSS Coordinators provide training, education, and job development skills to enrolled clients.

HUD requires that the Housing Agency administer a Family Self-Sufficiency Program for Section 8 clients. The Housing Agency has provided such a program since 1985 and currently provides case management to 60 clients.

Funds are available through HUD to renew last year's grant, add a part time FSS Coordinator and to add an additional program coordinator to assist with the development of homeownership opportunities for Section 8 families. The grant will cover the salary and fringe benefits for two-and-a-half full-time program coordinators.