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SUBJECT—

Certifications Of Consistency – Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) for a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Youthbuild grant

SYNOPSIS—

The Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) has submitted Certifications of Consistency with the City's Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2000-2004 Consolidated Plan and Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) Strategic Plan that require Council's approval. The certifications are required as part of their application to HUD for Youthbuild funding to provide youth with training in leadership development and construction trades.

FISCAL IMPACT—

None

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC), HOME Incorporated, and Carpenters Local 106 are preparing to apply for a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Youthbuild grant due July 2, 2004. DMACC (applicant) will provide GED instruction, leadership training, and employment skills training to low-income, at-risk youth, age 18 to 24 who, as part of their training,

will help build two single-family homes in Des Moines. HOME, Inc. (grant partner) will be the contractor of record. Carpenters Local 106 will provide carpentry training.

One of the homes that will be constructed will be located at 1602 11th Street in the city's Enterprise Community. The other home will be located at 2315 East Walnut in a low-income neighborhood outside the Enterprise Community. Each home will be sold to an economically disadvantaged family at a discounted price.

The Project's training goal is to graduate no less than 40 participants. Graduating students will possess a GED and the knowledge and proficiency of a six-month carpenter apprentice. With their carpentry, academic, and soft-skills training, Youthbuild graduates will be job ready when they complete the program.