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## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Agenda Date: 08/09/04

Communication

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No.:

Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Director, Community Development Dept.

### SUBJECT—

A request to publish the Concurrent Notice of A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Intent to Request Release of Funds (RROF) and authorization to execute the “Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certification” for \$650,000 of Iowa State HOME funds for The Rose of Des Moines an affordable assisted housing project.

### SYNOPSIS—

Authorize and direct the City Clerk to publish the “Concurrent Notice of A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Intent to Request Release of Funds (RROF)” and authorize the Mayor to execute the “Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certification” to the Iowa State Department of Economic Development for \$650,000 of Iowa State HOME funds for The Rose of Des Moines. (1918 Forest Av.)

### FISCAL IMPACT—

\$650,000. in Iowa State HOME Program funds.

### RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

**BACKGROUND—**

The Rose of Des Moines project was awarded \$650,000 in State HOME funds by the Iowa Department of Economic Development. It is an approved Low Income Tax Credit Project by the Iowa Finance Authority. The proposal is to construct a new 50-unit affordable assisted living facility at 1918 Forest Av. The living units will be approximately 715 sq. ft. with one bathroom, a kitchen and a living area. The King Irving Neighborhood Plan is supportive of this project for the neighborhood. The total project cost is \$5,912,656.

The Neighborhood Development Division is assigned the duty of preparing the Environmental Record (ERR) for all projects funded by either the State of Iowa or the federal government. The Community Development staff received the Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment and prepared the Environmental Review Record (ERR) for The Rose of Des Moines. Community Development staff is recommending a “Finding of No Significant Impact” to the site.

In order to facilitate pre-contract negotiations and post-contract monitoring, the State of Iowa will grant the HOME funds of \$650,000 directly to the City of Des Moines rather than to the developers. In addition, the City has assigned \$150,000 of City HOME funds to the project. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that an Environment Assessment be performed before the release of any and all federal funds to a construction project.