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SUBJECT—

Setting a Public Hearing for the proposed First Year Action Plan (2005) of the 2005-2009 HUD Consolidated Plan.

SYNOPSIS—

This action receives the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) recommendations for Program Year (PY) 2005 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan funding allocations, sets the date of a public hearing for November 8, 2004, and refers the NRB recommendations to the public and the City Manager for review and comment. Council action will also direct the City Clerk to publish notice of the public hearing and Consolidated Plan Summary.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The PY 2005 HUD block grant entitlement funds available in the three programs included in the Consolidated Plan are currently estimated to be: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$5,000,000; Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program \$1,225,000 (includes \$75,000 of projected American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) funding); and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) \$185,000. Funding levels are contingent on final Congressional and Executive action.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

BACKGROUND—

The NRB has submitted their recommended funding allocations for projects to receive PY 2005 CDBG, HOME and ESG funding. The next step in the process is to refer these recommendations to both the public and the City Manager for review and comment.

The proposed Consolidated Plan will be available to the public for 30 days, and a hearing will be held on November 8, 2004, to receive the City Manager's comments and recommendations and any comments from the public before finalizing the plan.

HUD requires a 45-day review period before implementation of the program year. This means that the plan must be finalized and approved at the November 8th City Council meeting so that the program can be implemented on January 1, 2005.

Agencies submitted proposals in response to specific Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) addressing the priority goals for the five-year strategy and one-year action plan. PY 2005 will be the first action year of the current five-year strategy.

The five-year strategy is to address critical needs for affordable housing for families at or below 80 percent of the median household income. Other categories of projects include economic development, infrastructure improvements, and public services that are intended to support the housing effort by helping households work or train for work, obtain transportation, and revitalize neighborhoods.

The 2005-2009 HUD Consolidated Plan is a significant step forward in meeting the needs of low- and moderate-income Des Moines households.