

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-326	Meeting:	August 3, 2020
	Agenda Item:	3	Roll Call:	20-1180
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Community Development Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) submittal of the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program Coordinators grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Municipal Housing Governing Board approval for submission of the FSS Program Coordinator grant to HUD and authorization for the Mayor or Housing Executive Director to execute and implement the grant if awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$223,726

Funding Source: 2020-2021 Operating Budget: Housing Services Department – S350 HSG125000 – Section 8 FSS, page 119

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The DMMHA received funding last year from HUD for three (3) full-time program FSS Coordinators to administer the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program. The purpose of the FSS Program is to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing assistance with public and private resources to enable participating families to increase earned income and financial literacy, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, and make progress toward economic independence and self-sufficiency.
- The FSS Coordinators provide individual case management to assist participants in achieving goals to become self-sufficient. FSS Coordinators provide referrals, training, education, and job development skills to enrolled participants. The DMMHA has provided such a program since 1985 and provided case management to 225 FSS participants during the Notice of Funding Availability target period (January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019). During the target period, 22 FSS participants graduated successfully from the program.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board

Date: October 14, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-1558](#)

Action: [Approving](#) City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency submittal of Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program Coordinators Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). ([Board Communication No. 19-429](#)) Moved by Gatto to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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