

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-479	Meeting:	November 9, 2020
	Agenda Item:	MHGB3	Roll Call:	20-1735
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) submittal of the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinator Program grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Design.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Municipal Housing Governing Board approval for submission of the ROSS Service Coordinator Program grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the Executive Director or his designee to implement the grant if awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$247,500 (3-year grant award)

Funding Source: 2020-2021 Operating Budget: Housing: Services Department – Public Housing S350 HS120130, Page 118

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The purpose of the public housing ROSS Service Coordinators program is to provide funding for the provision of a Service Coordinator to coordinate supportive services and other activities designed to help public housing residents attain economic and housing self-sufficiency. This program works to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under the Public Housing Program with public and private resources, for supportive services and resident empowerment activities. These services should enable participating families to increase earned income, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, and to make progress toward achieving economic independence and housing self-sufficiency.
- DMMHA was most recently awarded the ROSS Service Coordinators program 3-year grant funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, which covers the salary of a full-time Family Service Coordinator. A Service Coordinator ensures that program participants are linked to the supportive services they need to achieve self-sufficiency or to remain independent.

- The ROSS Service Coordinator grant will provide three (3) year funding, including administrative expenses and training as eligible uses of the funds and requires a 25% match by statute. The Agency's 25% match will come from in-kind services provided by various community social service agencies.
- In year one (1) of the FY2017 grant reporting period, 190 residents were directly served by the ROSS Coordinator, and were provided 1,939 referrals. In year two (2) of the FY2017 grant reporting period, 192 residents were served by the ROSS Coordinator and were provided 2,375 referrals.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board

Date: September 25, 2017

Resolution Number: [17-1623](#)

Action: [Approving](#) City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency submittal of the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinator Program Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ([Board Communication NO. 17-676](#)) Moved by Gatto to approve. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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