


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-352	Meeting:	August 9, 2021
	Agenda Item:	MHGB3	Roll Call:	21-1186
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department 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: \$277,672

Funding Source: 2022-2023 Operating Budget: Housing Services Dept – S350 HSG125000 – Section 8, Page 103.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The DMMHA received funding last year from HUD for three (3) full-time program FSS Coordinators to administer the 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 189 FSS participants during the Notice of Funding Opportunity target period (January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020). During the target period, 16 FSS participants graduated successfully from the program.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board

Date: August 3, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-1180](#)

Action: [Submittal](#) of Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinators Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ([Board Communication No. 20-326](#)) Moved by Gatto to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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