



Roll Call Number

21-0701

Agenda Item Number

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Date May 10, 2021

**APPROVE APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FOR THE  
SECOND ROUND OF THE  
EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP)**

**WHEREAS**, on December 27, 2020 the U.S. Department of Treasury was authorized to make available \$25 billion to assist households with the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), as included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 11, 2021 by Roll Call No. 21-0026, Council approved an application to the U.S. Treasury for the first round of ERAP funds, which totaled \$6,410,165.20, and authorized an advance of ERAP funds to IMPACT Community Action Agency to continue its rental assistance efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan—which continues many of the programs started by the CARES Act (2020) and Consolidated Appropriations Act (2021) by adding new phases, new allocations, and new guidance, including a second round of funding for ERAP—was signed into law; and

**WHEREAS**, eligible grantees for ERAP includes States, U.S. Territories, local governments with more than 200,000 residents, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and Indian tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, in Iowa, eligible grantees for ERAP includes Linn County, Polk County, and the City of Des Moines; and

**WHEREAS**, 90 percent of awarded funds must be used for direct financial assistance—including rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing—for eligible residents of Des Moines. Remaining funds are available for housing stability services, including case management and other services intended to keep households stably housed, and administrative costs; and

**WHEREAS**, eligible residents of Des Moines includes those who qualify for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19; demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and have a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median; and

**WHEREAS**, the second round allocation amounts to grantees are currently unknown, and the U.S. Department of Treasury will notify grantees once allocations are finalized.



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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

1. City staff is hereby directed to submit the application for the second round of ERAP to the U.S. Department of Treasury when the City's allocation is known.
2. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, an amendment or updated agreement with the U.S. Department of Treasury.
3. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the first ERAP contract with IMPACT once the agreement between the City and U.S. Department of Treasury has been fully executed.
4. Allocate and advance up to 50% of the second round of ERAP funds from the U.S. Treasury to IMPACT once those funds have been received by the City.

(Council Comm. No. 21-202)

MOVED BY *Gatto* TO ADOPT

FORM APPROVED:

*Judy K Parks-Kruse*  
 Judy K. Parks-Kruse  
 Assistant City Attorney



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COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

*J. M. Franklin Cownie*  
Mayor

*P. Kay Cmelik*  
City Clerk