



Roll Call Number

23-1261

Agenda Item Number

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Date September 11, 2023

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK CHALLENGE GRANT (BCG) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-1048, the City Council approved the creation of Invest DSM, Inc., received the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the corporation, and appointed board members to the corporation; and

WHEREAS, InvestDSM's corporate documents provide for the creation of a Board of Directors comprised of approximately nine members, including Polk County Representatives, business/donor citizen representatives, and three City representatives to be appointed by the Des Moines City Council, to operate for charitable and educational purposes including those stated above; and

WHEREAS, the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Invest DSM, Inc., were also reviewed and approved by the Polk County Board of Supervisors, and Polk County has appointed its representatives to the Invest DSM, Inc. Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-1346, and on September 9, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-1436, respectively, the City Council approved a Chapter 28E Agreement by and between the City, Polk County, and Invest DSM, Inc. to facilitate the amount and use of funding to be provided by the City and County to Invest DSM from August 1, 2019 until July 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in Roll Calls 19-1346 and 19-1436, the City Council approved an Initial Operating Contract between the City and Invest DSM for operation and management of Invest DSM, Inc. and provision of City services related thereto, which Operating Contract was thereafter updated and entered into for a subsequent year following approval by City Council; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2021, by Roll Call No. 21-0784, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Invest DSM, Inc. for administration of the Block Challenge Grant under the City's Neighborhood Matching Grant fund program ("the Program") in calendar year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the approved funds were to be incorporated into a program substantially similar to the Invest DSM Block Challenge Grant program, with terms of said Memorandum including payment by the City to Invest DSM, Inc. of \$200,000 for use by Invest DSM to fund the actual costs of the Program paid to an estimated 100–150 Program participants and 10–30 participating teams, and payment by the City to Invest DSM of \$29,250 for use by Invest DSM for staff compensation and costs and expenses associated with providing administrative services for the Program and City staff training; and



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WHEREAS, on April 18, 2022, by Roll Call No. 22-0615, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding to replace the above-referenced Memorandum which expired on December 31, 2021, the City's Neighborhood Services Department and Invest DSM, Inc. negotiated terms of an updated Memorandum of Understanding including payment by the City to Invest DSM, Inc. of \$200,000 for use by Invest DSM, Inc. to fund the actual costs of the Program paid to an estimate 100–150 Program participants and 10–30 teams, and Invest DSM, Inc. serving as the fiscal agent for the Program from May 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, with the option for renewal on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2022, by Roll Call No. 22-1258, the City Council approved a First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding authorizing Finance and Neighborhood Services Department staff to forward an additional \$250,000 to Invest DSM, Inc., as soon as practical for project costs incurred in the BCG Program in Fiscal Year 2023 and authorized Finance Department and Neighborhood Services staff to forward \$300,000 to Invest DSM, Inc., on July 1, 2023, for the BCG Program in Fiscal Year 2024, for use by Invest DSM, Inc., for the sole purpose of funding the actual costs of the Program paid to more than 200 Program participants; and extended the agreement between the City and Invest DSM, Inc, through May 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, due to increased Program participation, Finance and Neighborhood Services Department staff should be authorized to forward an additional \$200,000 to Invest DSM, Inc., as soon as practical for additional project costs incurred in the Program in Fiscal Year 2024 for use by Invest DSM, Inc., for the sole purpose of funding the increased action costs of the Program as a result of funds paid to more than 260 Program participants and 23 teams.

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

1. The Finance Department is authorized and directed to provide payment in accordance with this resolution.



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(Council Communication No. 23-422)

Moved by Gatto to adopt.

Second by Boesen

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Gary D. Goudelock Jr.

Gary D. Goudelock Jr.
Assistant City Attorney

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, 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.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	6			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

J. M. Frankhu Cownie Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk