# CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
# CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

**ITEM:** Approval of Funding Application for Polk County Community Betterment Grant – Human Services

**DATE:** February 23, 2015

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** No impact to City's General (operating) Fund; any grant proceeds received would be placed in the Human Services assistance fund

**BACKGROUND:**

Human Services is submitting a $5,000 grant request to Polk County to support the department's Emergency Assistance Program. The County has provided funding to Human Services for the past five years.

**OUTSTANDING ISSUES** (if any): The specific purpose of this proposal is to prevent low-income West Des Moines residents from becoming homeless by helping them in crisis situations such as eviction or utility disconnections. To be eligible for this assistance, residents are at or below 150% of poverty.

**RECOMMENDATION:** City Council approval of a motion supporting Human Services application of funds for a Polk County Community Betterment grant.

**Lead Staff Member:** Althea Holcomb, Human Services Director

**STAFF REVIEWS**

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| Department Director | |
| Appropriations/Finance | |
| Legal | |
| Agenda Acceptance | RTJ |

**PUBLICATION(S)** (if applicable)

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**SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW** (if applicable)

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| Recommendation | Yes | No | Split |