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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### MEMORANDUM

Planning,  
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Building Safety,  
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Public Health,  
Housing Inspections,  
Code Enforcement

**To:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**From:** Jodi Royal-Goodwin, Community Development Director  
**Cc:** Greg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator  
**Date:** May 7, 2020  
**Re:** Acceptance of CDBG Grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority to Support Pandemic Response Activities and Authorization for the Mayor to Sign the Grant Agreement

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**INTRODUCTION:** The City has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$53,004 from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) to support expanding the community's capacity to provide food services for those in need and improve the capacity of the health care system.

**BACKGROUND:** In light of the COVID-19 public health crisis, the IEDA established a new grant opportunity, CDBG Grant Funds to Support Infectious Disease Response, to support local response activities. Only non-entitlement cities or counties are eligible applicants. No match funds are required for this grant.

The City partnered on the application with three area non-profits, United Way, Muscatine Center for Social Action, and Salvation Army, to increase food service delivery capacity. The fourth partner is Trinity Public Health who will use funds to provide psychological first aid training to more mental health providers and purchase iPads to support patient support connections and increased telehealth services. The grant request was for \$53,004.

Last week we received an award notification, and anticipate receipt of the grant agreement soon. The agreement must be signed by the Mayor. Grant funds are available for reimbursement of eligible expenses, and subrecipient contract will be executed with each partner entity outlining the grant requirements.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends Council approve acceptance of the IEDA grant and authorize the Mayor to sign the grant agreement.