

# Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.

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*"We are dedicated to helping build stronger communities by addressing the effects of poverty on individuals and families."*

January 6, 2015

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Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Dear Mayor and City Council:

Supporting the residents who are most at-risk in our 12-county area is the mission of Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. (UDMO). The staff at UDMO cannot "address the effects of poverty on individuals and families" without the commitment and support of our partners.

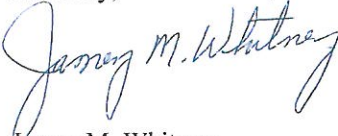
Each year we count on your support, both financially and as partners, in our quest to meet the needs of assisting low-income, the elderly, and people with disabilities in Fort Dodge. Due to the continuing national, state and local economic challenges, our community action agency is faced with assisting more clients than ever before, and meeting the needs of the low-income population is extremely important to you and us.

As you plan your budget for the upcoming fiscal year, UDMO is asking the City of Fort Dodge to allocate financial resources of \$10,000 for FY 2016 (October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016). We continue to provide a variety of helpful programs and services to Fort Dodge residents such as: emergency energy assistance, food assistance, special projects (Back to School and holiday projects), housing assistance and many others. We endeavor to provide the best and most cost-effective assistance possible by coordinating our services with others, eliminating duplication and leveraging additional funding whenever and wherever feasible.

As you consider our request for financial assistance, I'd like you to know that UDMO assistance benefited 4,446 individuals in 1,838 households were Fort Dodge residents. Enclosed are reports that highlight the characteristics of these residents and the services they received during the year.

UDMO's Webster County Outreach Director, Mary Ohrtman, would be happy to meet with you to discuss the importance of the assistance we provide in the area. If you need any further information or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mary at (515) 576-7774 or via email at mohrtman@udmo.com. Thank you for your support and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jamey M. Whitney  
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Mary Ohrtman

Program/Service	# Household	# Individuals	\$\$
Diapers	57	76	
Layettes	127	161	
Baby Room Other	2	2	
Clothes	1	1	
Payless Shoes	25	43	\$ 840.00
Medical Equipment	1	1	
Medical Expenses	2	2	\$ 40.00
Medicine Purchase	29	30	\$ 815.84
Humanitarian United Way Transportat	3	17	\$ 113.00
Lifeline	344	487	
Advocate	2	2	
Birth Certificate	59	147	\$ 1,540.75
Energy Wise Kit	258	578	
FaDSS	45	139	\$ 6,313.14
Goodwill	52	146	
Laundry	51	119	\$ 464.25
United Way	27	84	
St. Mar's Transportation	7	18	\$ 205.00
Bus Tickets	17	28	\$ 106.50
Car Repair	6	17	\$ 949.69
Gas Voucher	48	118	\$ 1,315.00
	<b>1163</b>	<b>2216</b>	<b>\$ 12,703.17</b>

## ***Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.***

Program Activity Agency Summary for City of Fort Dodge

October 1, 2013 thru September 30, 2014

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Households Served</b>	<b>Individuals Served</b>	<b>Cost of Services</b>
<i>Emergency Services</i>	3,446	9,260	\$658,287.43
<i>Food Programs</i>	178	256	-
<i>Holiday Projects</i>	403	995	-
<i>Housing Programs</i>	122	327	\$42,585.40
<i>Referrals</i>	267	691	-
<i>Senior Programs</i>	75	90	\$11,292.47
<i>Weatherization Applications</i>	1,299	2,919	\$132,595.83
<i>Other Goods &amp; Services</i>	1,163	2,216	\$12,703.17
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6,953</b>	<b>16,754</b>	<b>\$857,464.30</b>

**Total Cost of Services: \$857,464.30**