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TO: Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator

FROM: David Farmer, CPA, MPA Director of Budget & Administrative Services

SUBJECT: Home Base Iowa Grant Request

Scott County has received a request to replenish matching funds for the Home Base Iowa program. Home Base Iowa is a program for relocation incentives as the County is a Home Base Iowa Community. Scott County previously contributed \$25,000 in August 2021. The program is managed locally by the Quad Cities Chamber. Up to 10% was previously used for administration of the program. Local participants for relocation assistance include the Cities of Bettendorf and Davenport.

If a veteran is moving to Scott County or a city other than Davenport or Bettendorf, the veteran may be eligible for \$1,500 closing costs reimbursement, up to \$250 of expenses per interview in Scott County, and \$5,000 state tax credit.

Due to the length of time, the funds were not part of the 2024 or 2025 budget process. If the Board would like to contribute, funding may be passed along in March and adjusted budget authority be addressed in the May budget amendment.

A resolution authorizing the disbursement of funds is attached.

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES THAT
THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON _____
DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

RESOLUTION
SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 14, 2024

APPROVAL OF SUPPORT FOR THE HOME BASE IOWA INCENTIVE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Section 1. The State of Iowa launched a public-private partnership called Home Base Iowa initiative, which is an effort to match military veterans with jobs available across Iowa.
- Section 2. On February 23, 2017 the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution of support for the Home Base Iowa initiative consisting of two programs; Home Base Iowa Businesses and Home Base Iowa Communities.
- Section 3. Veteran Incentives Home base Iowa (HBI) Communities offers valuable incentives for veterans who relocate to their community. The incentives offered through the program include:
Reimbursement of expenses up to \$250 per visit to interview with a business in Scott County; \$1,500 grant towards the purchase of a home in Scott County; and Hilton Honors Military Program.
- Section 4. Scott County will contribute \$25,000 to the program, which the Quad Cities Chamber will administer.
- Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.