



Council Communication No. 97-353

SYNOPSIS —

Approval of Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program contract with the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) and approval of 25 ESG contracts with subrecipients who provide homeless assistance services.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Approval of the ESG contract with the IDED will enable Council to allocate all 1997 ESG funding awarded to the City to 25 subrecipients who provide homeless assistance services.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of ESG contract with the IDED and ESG contracts with subrecipients.

BACKGROUND —

On February 17, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-470, the City Council approved a grant agreement and funding approval for \$137,000 of 1997 ESG funding by and between the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Des Moines, for the period of January 1 to December 31, 1997.

On the July 7, 1997, Council agenda, Council will approve an ESG contract by and between the IDED and the City of Des Moines for \$501,040 of ESG funding for the period of July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998.

Following Council approval of the ESG State contract, Council will approve 25 ESG contracts with subrecipients who provide homeless assistance services. Council approval of the subrecipient agreements will allocate all of the 1997 ESG funding the City received from HUD and the IDED.

The Human Services Coordinating board (HSCB), working in conjunction with the homeless providers, has reviewed all of the proposals and coordinated the funded activities with the various funding sources available for homeless programs and services. At their meeting of June 4, 1997, the Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) recommended approval of the ESG funding allocations.

It is important that Council take action on approval of the ESG State contract and subrecipient agreements to comply with program regulation Section 576.55 (b) which establishes time requirements for obligating ESG funding.

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