CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

98-223

AGENDA:
JUNE 1, 1998

SUBJECT:
SHELTER PLUS CARE GRANT PROGRAM EVALUATION

TYPE:
RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
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SUBMITTED BY:
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DIRECTOR

ITEM ____

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS –

Shelter Plus Care - Evaluation Report has been prepared for your review.

FISCAL IMPACT –

N/A

RECOMMENDATION –

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND –

In April 1994, the Department of Housing Services (DHS) was awarded $1,988,400 for the Shelter Plus Care (SPC) program. This program provides rental assistance to homeless persons and their families with disabilities. These disabilities include persons who are seriously mentally ill, have chronic problems with alcohol, drugs or both, or have acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and related diseases. The current grant reflects Sponsor-based Rental Assistance through 60 sites, scattered throughout Des Moines and the suburbs, and a Project-based Rental Assistance program under contract for five years. The money awarded was specifically for rental assistance. It does not provide funding for supportive services and provides very little money (8 percent of the total remaining money after all targeted number of clients are served) for administrative costs.

On April 16, 1997, the Human Service Coordinating Board (HSCB) approved execution of the SPC Supportive Service Agreement with Anawim Housing Incorporated for implementation of the Shelter Plus Care program. The City

Council approved implementation of the Shelter Plus Care program on April 28, 1997.

Since that time, the HSCB provided an evaluation report on the first four months. The SPC program year is November 1 - October 30. The HSCB intends to complete another evaluation within the next year.

The evaluation report in on file with the City Clerk.