

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

98-251

SYNOPSIS —

AGENDA:
JUNE 15, 1998

Approval of Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program contract with the Iowa Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$635,560; and the allocation of ESG funds, including the City’s ‘98 ESG entitlement funds.

SUBJECT:
EMERGENCY
SHELTER GRANTS
(ESG) PROGRAM
CONTRACT

FISCAL IMPACT –

TYPE:
RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approval of the ESG contract with the Iowa Department of Economic Development will enable the City to allocate both State and local 1998 ESG funding to twenty-seven (27) subrecipients who provide homeless assistance services.

SUBMITTED BY:
JAMES GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval of ESG contract with the Iowa Department of Economic Development; and approve the allocation of ESG funds, including \$199,000 of ‘98 ESG entitlement funds.

BACKGROUND –

On March 23, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-877, the City Council approved a Grant Agreement and Funding Approval for \$199,000 of 1998 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, 1998.

The Human Services Coordinating Board (HSCB) working in conjunction with the homeless providers, reviewed all the proposals and coordinated the funded activities with the various funding sources available for homeless programs and services. The City of Des Moines participated in the above-described joint application and review process. This process results in

much less paperwork for the agencies who can apply for funding from four homeless assistance programs by completing one application.

The four programs and their 1998-99 funding levels are as follows:

City Emergency Shelter Grant	\$199,000
State Emergency Shelter Grant	635,560
State Homeless Shelter Operations Grant	26,500
FEMA Emergency Food & Shelter Grant	98,726
TOTAL	\$959,786

On the City Council agenda for June 15, 1998, is an ESG contract by and between the Iowa Department of Economic Development and the City of Des Moines for \$635,560 of ESG funding for the period of July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999. The resolution would also approve the allocation of ESG funding as recommended by the HSCB. The HSCB recommended funding allocations were reviewed by the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) at their meeting on June 3, 1998. The NRB recommended approval of the ESG funding allocations. The attached table lists all of the subrecipient agencies who will receive ESG funding, their total grant amount and type of activity funded. Eligible ESG program activities include the following:

Rehabilitation-minor repairs or upgrades to existing homeless shelter facility;

Essential Services-activities limited to the cost of staff salaries for new or expanded services that are documented in the application;

Homeless Prevention-one-time rent or utility payments to keep an individual from being evicted from current residence, counseling services to prevent a client from becoming homeless, advocacy services to assist clients with legal or

medical problems that could cause them to become homeless, day care services for the children of homeless clients who are seeking employment or residence;

Operations-rent, insurance, utility, maintenance, furnishings and other documented normal operating expenses for a shelter facility.

The Roll Call for approval of the ESG State contract, also directs City staff to work with the subrecipients who provide homeless assistance services to develop contracts that comply with applicable federal, state and local laws. The aforementioned Roll Call also authorizes and directs the City Manager to approve and execute the detailed work programs and written agreements with the subrecipient entities. This is consistent with prior Council actions (Roll Call No. 96-1034, dated 03.18.96 and No. 97-3759, dated 11.17.97) which authorized the City Manager to implement all projects contained in the HUD Consolidated Plan. Council approval will also eliminate the need to bring twenty-seven (27) subrecipient agreements back to Council for approval.

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

Attachment