

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**98-307**

**SYNOPSIS –**

**AGENDA:**  
JULY 27, 1998

The City is proposing to submit an application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Supportive Housing Program (SHP) funds which will provide needed services to homeless persons in Des Moines.

**SUBJECT:**  
SUPPORTIVE  
HOUSING  
PROGRAM GRANT  
APPLICATION

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

**TYPE:**  
**RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE**

\$1,335,343 which the Community Development Department will administer, and three agencies will be utilized to assist homeless residents. The City will receive 2.5 percent of the total grant for administrative costs.

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
JAMES GRANT  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR

**RECOMMENDATION —**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND —**

On behalf of the City, the Community Development Department is proposing to be the applicant for a Supportive Housing Program grant in the amount of \$1,335,343. As the applicant, the City would be responsible for the overall management and administration of the grant, including draw downs, fund distribution, and reporting to HUD. The City will be reimbursed up to 2.5 percent of the final grant amount to cover administrative costs.

Project sponsors would carry out the proposed project activities. Project sponsors are:

- House of Mercy: (\$869,198, renewal) - to provide housing and support services for homeless women (recovering from substance abuse) and their children.

- Homeless Helpline Project: (\$271,445, new) - to be operated by Primary Health Care, Inc. (Broadlawns Hospital) and address the number one priority identified in the Continuum of Care by providing a 24-hour central intake system. The system will utilize a standard intake form, a preliminary assessment of need, a referral to an appropriate agency, and follow-up to assure contact was made.
- YMCA Transitional Housing: (\$194,700, new) - to provide a 120 bed transitional housing program, including support services.

The application has been developed from the City's Continuum of Care strategy and will address high priority service gaps within the parameters of SHP-eligible activities.