



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**99-140**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

APRIL 5, 1999

City Council approval to reprogram unspent 1998 City and State Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds as recommended by the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB).

**SUBJECT:**

1998 EMERGENCY  
SHELTER GRANT  
(ESG)  
REPROGRAMMING

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

The reprogramming will balance the \$19,000 shortfall in projected 1999 City ESG funding; and allocate additional funding to Our Community Kitchen (\$14,700) and Iowa Homeless Youth Centers (\$9,000).

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

JAMES M. GRANT  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR

**BACKGROUND -**

On June 15, 1998, the City Council approved Roll Call No. 98-1890 that allocated City and State ESG funds for the period from July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999. The Roll Call included \$14,700 for the Bethel Mission. Because of separation of church and state issues, Bethel Mission decided not to accept the state funds.

The Council also deferred action on City ESG funds recommended for allocation to Des Moines Hispanic Ministries (\$28,000).

On February 24, 1999, the NRB approved a motion to recommend to the City Council the \$14,700 of State ESG funds not used by the Bethel Mission be allocated to Our Community Kitchen. This action was contingent on the agency using these funds to implement recommendations contained in the Peer

## Review.

The NRB also recommended that \$19,000 of the city ESG funds not allocated to Des Moines Hispanic Ministries be used to offset the short fall of 1999 ESG funding. The City had projected receiving \$199,000 of 1999 ESG funding but the final allocation from HUD totaled \$180,000. Using these funds to make up the shortfall will prevent us from having to amend the 1999 Consolidated Plan.

The NRB recommended that the remaining \$9,000 be allocated to Iowa Homeless Youth Centers. The agency will use the funds to supplement a shortfall in operating and staff costs to provide day care and support services for homeless families either working or training for work.

Staff recommends approval of the NRB recommendations.