

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**99-232**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

MAY 24, 1999

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

**SUBJECT:**

SUPPORTIVE  
HOUSING  
PROGRAM (SHP)  
GRANT  
APPLICATION

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

The grant is for \$1,486,521. The Community Development Department will administer and four agencies will utilize to assist homeless residents. The City will receive five percent of the total grant for administrative costs.

**TYPE:**

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

JAMES GRANT  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR

**BACKGROUND -**

On behalf of the City, the Community Development Department is proposing to be the applicant for a SHP grant that includes the HUD geographic areas of the City and Polk County in the amount of \$1,486,521. 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 five percent of the final grant amount to cover administrative costs.

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

- Primary Health Care, Inc. (Broadlawns Hospital): (\$246,219)

- will operate the Homeless Helpline which will address the number one priority identified in the Continuum of Care by providing a 24 hour central intake and referral system. The system will utilize: a standard intake form; a preliminary assessment of need; a referral to an appropriate agency; a computerized data base; and follow-up to assure contact was made.

· West Des Moines Human Services: (\$261,975) - Will provide transitional housing and support services for four families in scattered site single family residences in West Des Moines.

· YMCA of Greater Des Moines: (\$210,000) Will conduct a complete facility renovation as part of their new 124 unit transitional housing project for single men. In addition to room renovation, the project includes upgrading lavatories, creating office space and conference/meeting rooms for transitional housing counselors and other support services, upgrading the fire alarm and emergency lighting systems.

· Primary Health Care, Inc. (Broadlawns Hospital): (\$768,327)  
- Will provide homeless persons with supportive services that assist with mental health and substance abuse issues including coordinating treatment for the homeless chronically mentally ill and dually diagnosed. The project will also identify medical and emotional needs of homeless children and assist with the coordination of supportive services for children.

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.