

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-221

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

MAY 15, 2000

The City's Community Development Department submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Supportive Housing Program (SHP) funding to provide needed services to homeless persons in Des Moines and Polk County. HUD has now forwarded four SHP Grant Agreements, which require Council approval.

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF
FOUR SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING
PROGRAM GRANT
AGREEMENTS
WITH HUD

FISCAL IMPACT -

The \$1,486,521 of SHP funds, which the Community Development Department will administer, will be utilized by four agencies to assist homeless residents. The City will retain \$70,786 of the grant funds 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 applied for SHP grants, which included the HUD geographic areas of the City of Des Moines and Polk County, in the amount of \$1,486,521. As the applicant, the City is responsible for the overall management and administration of the grants, including draw-downs, funds distribution and reporting to HUD. The City will be reimbursed \$70,786 of the total grant amount to cover administrative costs.

Project sponsors will carry out the following project activities. Project sponsors are:

- Primary Health Care Homeless Helpline(Broadlawns)

\$246,219. To operate the Homeless Helpline which addresses 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 database and follow-up to assure contact was made.

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

- West Des Moines Human Services Supportive Housing Program \$261,975. To provide transitional housing and support services for four families in scattered site single-family residences in West Des Moines.

- YMCA of Greater DM Supportive Housing Program \$210,000. To 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, and upgrading the fire alarm and emergency lighting systems.

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