

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

00-237

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

MAY 22, 2000

SUBJECT:

CERTIFICATION OF
CONSISTENCY FOR
HOME, INC.

HOME, Inc. has submitted a Certification of Consistency with the City's 2000 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan which requires Council's approval. The aforementioned certification is required as part of HOME, Inc.'s application to HUD for Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) funding for a housing assistance program for people living with AIDS disease.

FISCAL IMPACT -

Not applicable.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

JAMES GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

HOME, Inc. proposes to apply for a HUD HOPWA grant. The AIDS Project of Central Iowa, the largest AIDS-Service organization in Iowa, will act as the project sponsor if funding is awarded. This is a collaborative effort between HOME, Inc. and The AIDS Project of Central Iowa. Five years ago these groups applied for and received funding from United Way of Central Iowa to begin a housing assistance program for people living with HIV disease.

The current program provides \$45,000 in rental assistance and emergency grants each year. The HOPWA application will allow the groups to expand this program. HOME, Inc., as the grantee, will administer the grant and disburse housing assistance payments. The AIDS Project of Central Iowa will recruit and select clients and provide supportive services.

HOPWA dollars would expand the current program in order to meet an unmet need for housing in our community. The program will provide rental assistance to people living at or below 80 percent of the median income in our community. HOME, Inc. estimates that approximately 75 individuals and families would qualify for this assistance. In addition, the program will provide emergency housing assistance funds to individuals who are homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless.

The program will provide supportive services, including case management, transportation, and budgeting/living skills to individuals receiving rental assistance. The ultimate goal of the program is to keep people healthy, out of the hospital, and employed. Stable housing contributes to the overall health of people living with HIV disease.

The service area for this program is Polk, Dallas, Jasper, Boone, Story, Marshall, Hamilton, Hardin, Guthrie, Adair, Madison, Warren, Marion, Clarke, Lucas, Decatur, and Wayne counties. Over 35 percent of the state's AIDS cases reside in this service area.