



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-238

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

MAY 22, 2000

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

SUBJECT:

SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING
PROGRAM GRANT
APPLICATION

FISCAL IMPACT -

\$1,842,103 that the Community Development Department will administer and three agencies will utilize to assist homeless residents. The City and the three agencies will share 5 percent of the grant amount 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 apply for a Supportive Housing Program grant that includes the HUD geographic areas of the City of Des Moines and Polk County in the amount of \$1,842,103. As the applicant, the City would be responsible for the overall management and administration of the grants, including draw-downs, fund distribution, and reporting to HUD. The City and the three agencies will share 5 percent of the grant amount for administrative costs.

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

- Beacon of Life Transitional Housing Project - \$681,860 (new). The Beacon of Life will provide additional support

services for homeless adult women, including case management and counseling for substance abuse and mental illness as well as intensive case management for the chronically mentally ill.

- Buchanan Transitional Living Center Project - \$298,175 (renewal). A project of Iowa Homeless Youth Centers will provide two distinct levels of transitional housing opportunities for homeless youth ages 16-21.

- Lighthouse Transitional Living Project - \$862,068 (renewal). A project of Iowa Homeless Youth Centers will provide two distinct levels of transitional housing opportunities for pregnant and/or parenting homeless youth.

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.