

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**00-281**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

Approval of the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program contract with the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

JUNE 26, 2000

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

**SUBJECT:**

\$517,860 grant, which the Community Development Department will administer and twenty-three agencies will utilize, to provide a variety of homeless assistance services. The City will retain 4.5% (\$23,360) of the total grant for administrative costs.

EMERGENCY  
SHELTER GRANT  
(ESG) PROGRAM  
CONTRACT

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**TYPE:**

**Approval.**

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**BACKGROUND -**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

The Affordable Housing & Homeless Partnership working in conjunction with the homeless providers has reviewed all of the proposals and coordinated the funded activities with various funding sources available for homeless programs and services. The attached table lists all of the subrecipient agencies who receive State ESG funding, their total grant amount and type of activity funded. Eligible ESG program activities include the following:

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DIRECTOR

**REHABILITATION** - minor repairs or upgrades to existing homeless shelter facilities.

**ESSENTIAL SERVICES** - activities limited to the cost of staff salaries for new or expanded services that are documented in the application.

**OPERATIONS** - rent, utilities, insurance, maintenance, furnishings and other documented normal operating expenses for a shelter

facility.

**HOMELESS PREVENTION** - one-time rent or utility payments to keep an individual from being evicted from current residence, counseling services to prevent a client from becoming homeless, advocacy services to assist clients with legal or medical problems that could cause them to become homeless or daycare services for the children of homeless clients who are seeking employment or residence.

Approval of the State ESG contract will direct City staff to work with subrecipients who provide homeless assistance services to develop contracts that comply with the applicable federal, state and local laws. It also authorizes and directs the City Manager to approve and execute the detailed work programs and written agreements with the subrecipient entities. This is consistent with prior Council action (Roll Call No. 96-1034, dated 03-18-96). Council approval will eliminate the need to bring twenty-three (23) subrecipient agreements back to Council for approval.

It is important the Council take action on approval of the ESG State contract to comply with program regulation Section 576.55 (b) that establishes time requirements for obligating ESG funding.

Attachment