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CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM _____

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

01-224

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

MAY 7, 2001

The Community Development Department submitted an application to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Supportive Housing Program (SHP) funding to provide services to homeless persons in Des Moines and Polk County. HUD has now forwarded two SHP Grant Agreements that require Council approval.

SUBJECT:

TWO SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING (SHP)
GRANT
AGREEMENTS
WITH HUD

FISCAL IMPACT -

The \$1,160,241 of SHP funds, which the Community Development Department will administer, will be utilized by two agencies of the Iowa Homeless Shelter to assist homeless residents. These two agencies are Buchanan Transitional Living Center Project and Lighthouse Transitional Living Program. The City will retain \$27,624, (approximately 2.5 percent of the total award) 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 three Supportive Housing Program grants which included the HUD geographic areas of the City and Polk County in the amount of \$1,842,103. Two of the three projects were awarded funding totaling \$1,160,241. As the applicant, the City is responsible for the overall management and administration of the grant, including drawdowns fund distribution and reporting to HUD. The City and the two agencies will share 5 percent of the grant amount for administrative costs.

Project sponsors would carry out the following project activities.

Project sponsors are:

- Buchanan Transitional Living Center Project \$298,174 (renewal). A project of the Iowa Homeless Youth Centers will provide two distinct levels of transitional housing opportunities for homeless youth ages 16-21.
- Lighthouse Transitional Living Project \$862,067 (renewal). A project of the Iowa Homeless Youth Centers will provide two distinct levels of transitional housing opportunities for pregnant and/or parenting homeless youth.

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
