

Meeting Agendas/Info

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:	ITEM _____
	OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA
01-248	SYNOPSIS -
AGENDA: MAY 21, 2001	The City of Des Moines is proposing to submit an application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Continuum of Care Program funds which will provide needed services to homeless persons in Des Moines and Polk County. The program is designed to develop supportive housing and related services that will allow homeless persons to live as independently as possible.
SUBJECT: CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT APPLICATION	FISCAL IMPACT -
TYPE:	The Community Development Department will administer the \$1,860,406 grant, and three agencies will utilize these funds to assist homeless residents. The City will retain \$30,116 of the grant funds for administrative costs if the application is approved.
<u>RESOLUTION</u> ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	RECOMMENDATION -
SUBMITTED BY:	Approval.
JAMES GRANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	BACKGROUND -
	On behalf of the City, the Community Development Department is proposing to be the applicant for a Continuum of Care grant that includes the HUD geographic areas of the City of Des Moines and Polk County in the amount of \$1,860,406. The application is made up of two Supportive Housing Program (SHP) projects and one Shelter Plus Care (S+C) project. 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 will retain \$30,116 of the grant funds for administrative costs if the application is approved.
	Project sponsors would carry out the following project activities.

Project sponsors are:

- House of Mercy Transitional Housing Program \$869,198 (SHP renewal) provides transitional housing and support services for up to 270 homeless, alcohol and drug dependent pregnant and/or parenting mothers and their children over the three year period. Upon completion of the program, the women will have maintained and strengthened their sobriety, demonstrated improved effective parenting skills and utilized and improved educational/employment status to move away from dependence on governmental support and attain self-sufficiency.

- YMCA Transitional Housing Program \$395,684 (SHP renewal) provides transitional housing and support services for up to 720 single adult men over the three year period. Residents create an individualized plan and work with case managers in a safe, secure and affordable environment to attain their goals and transition to self-sufficiency.

- Anawim Housing Shelter Plus Care Program \$595,524 (S+C renewal) provides housing and support services for homeless persons in the specific disability groups. These groups include HIV/AIDS, Seriously Mentally Ill, Dually Diagnosed and Chronic Substance Abuse. The program currently has 94 units (50 one bedroom, 29 two bedroom and 15 three bedroom) with a total population of 188.

The application has been developed from the City's Continuum of Care strategy and will address high priority service gaps within the parameters of Continuum of Care eligible activities. This is the fourth year that the City has been an applicant for this program. The projects are selected based on the priorities in the Continuum of Care with input from the Affordable Housing and Homeless Partnership.
