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CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

01-313

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JUNE 4, 2001

SUBJECT:

CERTIFICATIONS
OF CONSISTENCY -
AIDS PROJECT OF
CENTRAL IOWA

The AIDS Project of Central Iowa (APCI) has submitted Certifications of Consistency with the City's 2001 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan and Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) Strategic Plan which require Council's approval. The aforementioned certifications are required as part of the APCI's application to HUD for housing opportunities for persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding to provide housing assistance and support services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their families.

FISCAL IMPACT -

TYPE:

None.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

JAMES GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

The HOPWA program, administered through HUD, is designed to provide states and localities with the resources and incentives to devise long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing and related supportive service needs of persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Iowa has never received funding under the HOPWA program and does not qualify for formula funding under this grant.

APCI, a project sponsor of the AIDS Housing Network, will receive funding if HOPWA grant funds are awarded. Under the proposed project, APCI will provide housing assistance and supportive services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. APCI will partner with the Shelter Plus Care program through Anawim Housing. APCI will be responsible for coordination of eligibility and application

requirements as well as supportive services. Anawim Housing will be responsible for housing coordination. Peg Sandeen, Executive Director of APCI, will be responsible for management and oversight for the areas covered under the grant. Bill Swanson from Anawim Housing will be responsible for housing coordination activities through the Shelter Plus Care program.

The assistance provided will be in the form of Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance, and supportive services. APCI will provide housing assistance to 90 persons with HIV/AIDS over the grant period. An additional 45 family members will reside with the persons receiving services. One hundred twenty short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments will be provided. Fifteen individuals living with HIV/AIDS are estimated to receive only supportive services.

In addition to Des Moines and Polk County, APCI's service area includes Warren, Jasper, Marion, Dallas, Madison, Guthrie, Adair, Union, Clarke, Lucas, Ringold, Decatur, Wayne, Hamilton, Hardin, Boone, Story and Marshall counties.

Additionally on a broader statewide scale, the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) will request \$1,370,000 in HOPWA Long Term Comprehensive Strategy Funds (LTCS), which is separate from APCI's application. IFA has partnered with AIDS Service Organizations (ASO) and housing agencies across the state to put together an AIDS Housing Network to provide housing and supportive services for persons living with HIV/AIDS throughout the state of Iowa. In addition, the AIDS Housing Network will develop a long term housing strategy to evaluate needs for persons with HIV/AIDS. The AIDS Housing Network builds on the experience of ASO's in providing services to persons with HIV/AIDS and combines it with the experience of housing providers in local communities to build collaborations for service provision.

IFA will provide overall administration for the program and be responsible for measuring outcomes and evaluation and ensuring compliance with federal regulations, which will be completed in conjunction with the Iowa Institute for Community Alliances. In addition, IFA will leverage \$120,000 cash toward AIDS Housing, if HOPWA funding is awarded. Project sponsors will be responsible for coordination of housing and support services, distribution of TBRA and emergency grant vouchers, eligibility verification and all outreach activities.
