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CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM _____

01-325

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JUNE 18, 2001

City Council approval of canceling the State Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) contract with the Central City Drug and Alcohol Project and reallocating the remaining funds to other homeless shelter providers.

SUBJECT:

STATE
EMERGENCY
SHELTER GRANT
FUNDING FOR
CENTRAL CITY
DRUG & ALCOHOL
PROJECT

FISCAL IMPACT -

Current State ESG funding must be expended prior to June 30, 2001. This action will cancel the City's contract with Central City Drug & Alcohol and reallocate the remaining funds (\$5,915.68) to homeless agencies with the capacity to expend the remaining funds before June 30, 2001.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

JAMES M. GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

The City currently has a contract with Central City Drug & Alcohol for \$13,100 of State ESG funding for the period from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001.

On April 6, 2001, monitoring staff from the Community Development Department met with the agency's Board of Directors regarding concerns over documentation of costs and program services. The types of documentation were explained to the board and staff, but there has been no response to Community Development's concerns to date.

A letter was sent to the agency on May 30, 2001 informing them that the remaining balance of State ESG funds in the amount of \$5,915.68 would be recommended for reallocation to other eligible agencies.

There has been no response to this communication.

To determine the reallocation of funds, Community Development staff took into account the following criteria to determine which of the more than 21 agencies would be eligible for the funds: shelters that serve families, the size of the shelter, and those that will not receive State ESG funding this year (beginning July 1) because of a significant reduction in the State's allocation.

Staff has recommended a reallocation of these funds to the YMCA (\$2,000), Catholic Charities (\$2,000), and Hawthorne Hill (\$1,915.68).

The Affordable Housing and Homeless Partnership concurred in this recommendation.

Staff recommends that the City Council cancel the contract with Central City Drug and Alcohol for non-performance and reallocate the remaining funds as recommended above.
