

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

**02-171**

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

**AGENDA:**

APRIL 8, 2002

**SUBJECT:**

SUPPORTIVE  
HOUSING GRANT  
AGREEMENT WITH  
HUD

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

JAMES GRANT  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR

**SYNOPSIS -**

The Community Development Department submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Supportive Housing Program (SHP) funds to provide services to homeless persons in Des Moines and Polk County. HUD has now forwarded the first of two SHP grant agreements that require Council approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

The \$869,198 of SHP funds, which the Community Development Department will administer, will be utilized by the House of Mercy-Transitional Housing Project to assist homeless residents. The City will retain \$20,695 (approximately 2.5 percent of the total award) of the grant funds for administrative costs.

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND -**

On behalf of the City, the Community Development Department applied for two Supportive Housing grants and One Shelter Plus Care grant (which included the geographic areas of the City of Des Moines and Polk County) in the amount of \$1,860,406. All three projects were awarded funding. 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 receiving SHP funds will share 5 percent of the SHP portion of the total grant amount for administration costs.

Project sponsors would carry out the following activities:

- House of Mercy-Transitional Housing Project (SHP renewal) will provide transitional housing and support services for homeless, alcohol and drug dependent pregnant and/or parenting mothers.

- YMCA Transitional Housing Project (SHP renewal) will provide transitional housing and support services for homeless single adult males.

- Anawim Housing (Shelter Plus Care renewal) will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless persons with disabilities as approved by Council on March 18, 2002 (Roll Call No. 02-703).

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