CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

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AGENDA:

MAY 5, 2003

SUBJECT:

SHELTER PLUS CARE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH HUD

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ACTING HOUSING SERVICES DIRECTOR

ITEM____

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS —

This action would approve the Shelter Plus Care grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This grant provides funding for services to homeless persons in Des Moines and Polk County.

FISCAL IMPACT —

This grant award totals $701,976, which the Housing Services Department will administer.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

On behalf of the City, the Community Development Department applied for a Shelter Plus Care grant as part of a combined application which included the HUD geographic areas of the City of Des Moines and Polk County. This project was awarded funding totaling $701,976. 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 project sponsor, Anawim Housing will carry out the following activities:

Anawim provides permanent supportive housing for homeless persons with disabilities through rent subsidies. Anawim also provides the rent reasonableness, rent calculations, annual housing quality standards inspections, and monitors the tenants while they are on sublease with the Shelter Plus Care program.