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SUBJECT—

Approval of 2003 Shelter Plus Care Agreement with HUD.

SYNOPSIS—

Approval of 2003 Shelter Plus Care Agreement by and between HUD and the City of Des Moines for supplemental funding for local homeless programs to address service gaps.

FISCAL IMPACT—

This grant award totals \$731,400, which the Housing Services Department will administer.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

BACKGROUND—

On behalf of the City, the Housing Services Department submitted an application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Shelter Plus Care funding to provide rental assistance services to homeless persons in Des Moines and Polk County. As the applicant, the City is responsible for the overall management and administration of the grant, including drawdowns, fund distribution and reporting to HUD.

On April 19, 2004, by Roll Call No. 04-808, the City Council approved a 2003 Shelter Plus Care Grant Agreement with HUD. The grant for \$738,792, was a one year **renewal** for Anawim Housing to continue their existing housing program which provides rental assistance to a

minimum of 94 qualified participants through Shelter + Care, for the period of May 9, 2004 to May 8, 2005.

HUD has forwarded a **new grant award** of Shelter Plus Care funding totaling \$731,400, for a five-year period from 2004 to 2009, which requires Council approval. The new grant award, will enable Anawim Housing to provide an additional 23 units of permanent supportive housing targeted toward chronically homeless persons, those with mental or medical illnesses.