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SUBJECT—

Approval of 2003 Supportive Housing Program (SHP) Renewal Grant Agreement with HUD to help support Iowa Homeless Youth Center-Lighthouse Transitional Living Program.

SYNOPSIS—

Approval of 2003 SHP Renewal Grant Agreement by and between HUD and the City of Des Moines for supplemental funding for local homeless programs to address service gaps. This renewal grant will allow Iowa Homeless Youth Centers-Lighthouse Transitional Living Program to provide transitional living and support services for single parents and pregnant women ages 16 to 25.

FISCAL IMPACT—

This grant award totals \$862,068, which the Housing Services Department will administer. The City will retain \$20,525 (approximately 2.4 percent of the total grant award) of the grant funds for administrative costs.

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 SHP funding to provide supplemental funding to address service gaps in local homeless programs 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.

HUD has forwarded a renewal grant award of SHP funding totaling \$862,068, for a three-year period from 2004 to 2007, which requires Council approval. The renewal grant award, will enable Iowa Homeless Youth Centers – Lighthouse Transitional Living Program to provide transitional living and support services for non-system homeless single parents age 16 to 25, their children, and young single homeless women who are pregnant. The population being served by this project is not involved in the foster care or juvenile justice system. Loss of this program would create a gap in services for homeless pregnant or parenting youth, as there is no other program serving non-system youth.