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GENERAL INFORMATION

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SUBJECT—

Approval of 2004 Shelter Plus Care Agreement with HUD.

SYNOPSIS—

Approval of 2004 Shelter Plus Care Agreement by and between the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Des Moines for supplemental funding to address service gaps for local homeless programs.

FISCAL IMPACT—

This grant award totals \$721,752, which the Housing Services Department will administer.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

On behalf of the City, the Housing Services Department submitted an application to HUD for Shelter Plus Care funding to provide rental assistance services to homeless persons in Des Moines and Polk County. HUD has forwarded the Shelter Plus Care grant agreement totaling \$721,752, which requires Council approval. As the applicant, the City is responsible for the

overall management and administration of the grant, including drawdowns, fund distribution, and reporting to HUD. This grant is for one year: May 9, 2005 to May 8, 2006.

The project sponsor, Anawim Housing, will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless persons with disabilities through rent subsidies. Anawim will also provide the rent reasonableness, rent calculations, annual housing quality standards (HQS) inspections and monitoring of tenants while they are on sublease with the Shelter Plus Care program.