



# Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 28

Roll Call No. 06-

Communication No. 06-483

Submitted by: Chris M. Johansen, Housing  
Services Director

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Supportive Housing Program (SHP) Renewal Grant Agreements with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommended approval of SHP Renewal Grant Agreements by and between HUD and the City of Des Moines for supplemental funding for local homeless programs to address service gaps. The renewal grant agreements provide for one-year continuations of the Primary Health Care Outreach Team, Primary Health Care Homeless Helpline, West Des Moines Transitional Housing Program and YMCA Transitional Housing Program.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$349,947

Funding Source: HUD/Supportive Housing Program 2006-07 Operating Budget, Page 316, SPO039 CDD049900.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On behalf of the City of Des Moines, the Housing Services Department submitted an application to HUD for SHP funding to provide supplemental funding for local homeless programs to address service gaps in Des Moines and Polk County. HUD has forwarded four SHP renewal grant agreements totaling \$349,947, which require Council approval. As the applicant, the City is responsible for the overall management and administration of the grants, including draw-downs, fund distribution and reporting to HUD. The aforementioned renewal grant agreements are all for one year.

Project sponsors and the activities they will perform are as follows:

- Primary Health Care - Street Outreach (\$85,000): This is a one-year renewal of a supportive services project to assist 25 chronically homeless persons obtain needed medical and mental health services and move from the streets to transitional and/or permanent housing.
- Primary Health Care - Homeless Helpline (\$75,405): This is a one-year renewal of the phone service that will direct 1,400 homeless callers annually to appropriate shelter and services.
- West Des Moines Human Services - Transitional Housing Program (\$87,325): This is a one-year renewal of a program that provides transitional housing and support services in four single-family

homes and can serve up to 19 adults and children annually. The agency also provides case management, employment assistance, transportation, and other basic needs. Transitional housing, especially for large families, is an identified need in the Consolidated Plan and the Continuum of Care.

- YMCA - Transitional Housing Program (\$102,217): This is a one-year renewal of a program that provides transitional housing and support services to 489 disabled and/or chronically homeless men. Staff provides case management and assists clients to address substance abuse, mental health or medical problems, find employment and move into permanent housing.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: May 23, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1277

Action: Continuum of Care Program application made to HUD for Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Shelter Plus Care (S+C) supplemental funding of local homeless programs to address service gaps. (Council Communication No. 05-269) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Date: May 18, 2005

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: The Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) received application information.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**