



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

May 7, 2007

Agenda Item No. 41

Roll Call No. 07-

Communication No. 07-249

Submitted by: Chris M. Johansen, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

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

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the 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. The renewal grant agreement provides for a one-year continuation of the House of Mercy at Capitol Park Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$227,468

Funding Source: HUD/Supportive Housing Program 2007-08 Operating Budget, Page 105, SP039 CDD049900.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On behalf of the City, 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 a SHP renewal grant agreement totaling \$227,468, which requires Council approval. As the applicant, the City is responsible for the overall management and administration of the grant, including draw-downs, fund distribution and reporting to HUD. The aforementioned renewal grant agreement is for one year.

The project sponsor and the activities they will perform are as follows:

- House of Mercy at Capital Park (\$227,468): This is a one-year renewal of a permanent housing program that serves women with disabilities. Up to 26 individual women and/or women with children can be served by the project, located at 1240 E. 12th St. House of Mercy purchased and rehabilitated the facility in 2005 and it opened in September to expand their continuum of services to include permanent housing. Participants in Mercy's transitional housing program can move to this facility if their progress to self-sufficiency will take longer than the two years allowed for a transitional housing program. Based on the availability of space, other agencies can also refer women to the facility. House of Mercy will leverage \$56,867 of other funds to operate the program.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 22, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-1011

Action: Approving Continuum of Care Program application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which will provide services to homeless persons in Des Moines and Polk County, \$2,571,481. (Council Communication No. 06-282) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: May 17, 2006

Roll Call Number: N/A

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

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE