	Council Communication Office of the City Manager	**Date**	July 9, 2007
CITY OF DES MOINES		**Agenda Item No.** 38 **Roll Call No.** <u>07-</u> **Communication No.** <u>07-392</u> **Submitted by: Chris M. Johansen, Housing Services Director**	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Shelter Plus Care (S+C) Renewal Grant Agreements with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommended approval of SHP and Shelter Plus Care 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 House of Mercy Transitional Housing Program, YMCA Transitional Housing Program and the Anawim Housing Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: $1,150,564

Funding Source: HUD/Supportive Housing Program 2007-08 Operating Budget, Page 108, SP039 CDD049900.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On behalf of the City, the Housing Services Department submitted an application to HUD for SHP and Shelter Plus Care funding to provide supplemental funding for local homeless programs to address service gaps in Des Moines and Polk County. HUD has forwarded two SHP renewal grant agreements totaling $391,948 and a Shelter Plus Care renewal grant agreement for $758,616, all requiring 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.

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

- House of Mercy - Transitional Housing Program ($289,732): This is a one-year renewal of an existing transitional housing program for up to 148 individual women and/or women with children. The project provides housing and a wide array of supportive services including case management, counseling, medical and dental health care, transportation and job search assistance. The project leverages $556,005 in additional funding and 81% of the clients who exited the program last year moved to permanent housing.

- YMCA - Transitional Housing Program ($102,216): This is a one-year renewal of a program that provides 120 units of transitional housing and support services to disabled and/or chronically

homeless men. In 2005, staff provided case management and assisted 163 clients to address substance abuse, mental health, or medical problems, find employment and move onto permanent housing. The YMCA leverages $775,679 from other sources to operate this program. In 2005, 343 persons exited the program and 107 of them moved to permanent housing

- Anawim - Shelter Plus Care ($758,616): This is a one-year renewal of a program that provides permanent housing in 102 units with 205 beds for chronically homeless individuals. It is similar to the Section 8 Housing Program and subsidizes up to 100% of the rent. Federal regulations require that case management be provided by other agencies locally, the cost of which is used as match for the program. In 2005, the case management match totaled $916,133. Human service agencies are very willing to provide case management for their clients who obtain decent affordable housing. Landlords are also interested in the program because the lease is between Anawim, the landlord, and the client and Anawim follows up on landlord/client problems.

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