



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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August 6, 2007

Agenda Item No. 35

Roll Call No. 07-

Communication No. 07-467

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 Enhancement Project and the Street Outreach Team.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$341,107

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 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 \$341,107, 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 for a term of one year.

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

- Primary Health Care - Enhancement (\$256,108): This is a one-year renewal of a supportive service program that provides outreach, case management, healthcare, substance abuse, and mental health services. The program assists adults and children in transitioning from the street to decent affordable housing through outreach, referral, and support services. Primary Health Care also conducts site visits to all Des Moines area shelters to provide health screenings and treat medical problems. PHC leverages \$189,716 of additional funding and 719 adults exited the program last year.

- Primary Health Care - Street Outreach (\$84,999): 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. PHC leverages \$64,408 of additional funding and 86 persons exited the program last year; 76% of these individuals obtained additional financial support.

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