



**Council
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Agenda Item No. 36

Roll Call No. 07-

Communication No. 07-468

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 Buchanan Transitional Living Center Program, Lighthouse Host Home Program, and the West Des Moines Transitional Housing Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$462,117

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 three SHP renewal grant agreements totaling \$462,117, 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 for a term of one year.

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

- Iowa Homeless Youth Centers - Buchanan Transitional Living Center (\$99,390): This is a one-year renewal that provides transitional housing and support services for up to eight youth. Clients are required to work and/or attend school. The project served 28 youth last year and 71% of them moved to permanent housing.
- Iowa Homeless Youth Centers - Lighthouse Host Home (\$287,355): This is a one-year renewal that provides transitional housing and support services for up to 20 youth, including youth with children. IHYC transitioned 75% of its clients to permanent housing last year.

- West Des Moines Human Services - Transitional Housing Program (\$75,372): 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 18 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. The project leverages an additional \$60,953 of other funds. Of the 2 households that exited the program last year, one moved to permanent housing.

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