



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

October 22, 2007

Agenda Item No. 25

Roll Call No. 07-

Communication No. 07-626

Submitted by: Chris M. Johansen, Housing Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

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

SYNOPSIS:

Recommended approval of a SHP Grant Agreement by and between HUD and the City of Des Moines for supplemental funding for local homeless programs to address service gaps. The grant agreement provides funding for a twelve month Iowa's Continuum Outcome and Universal Need Toolkit Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$110,250

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 a SHP grant agreement totaling \$110,250, requiring 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 grant agreement is for a twelve month period. The project sponsor and activity are as follows:

- Iowa Institute for Community Alliances – Iowa's Continuum Outcome and Universal Need Toolkit Project (\$110,250): This is a twelve month project for the federally required Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The grant will fund staff, hardware/software resources, and operating expenses to expand the coordination network with emphasis on street outreach, supportive services, and permanent supportive housing. The HMIS is used throughout the metro area and also statewide. This grant will operate a pilot service in Polk County to expand electronic participation by a wider array of service providers (including street outreach) and improve data quality for all participants.

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