



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 30
Roll Call No. 08-
Communication No. 08-427
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 S+C 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, the Street Outreach Team and the Anawim Housing Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,144,591

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 (2) SHP renewal grant agreements totaling \$341,107 which require 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 sponsor and the activities they will perform are as follows:

- Primary Health Care - Enhancement Project (\$256,108): This is a one-year renewal to assist adults and children to transition 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. The agency currently estimates local leverage of \$61,183. Last year the agency served 464 persons with 418 exiting the program and 112 (27%) exiting to permanent housing.
- Primary Health Care - Street Outreach Project (\$84,999): This is a one-year renewal to assist 92 chronically homeless persons obtain needed medical and mental health services

and move from the streets to transitional or permanent housing. The agency currently estimates \$20,556 of local leverage. Last year 92 persons were served and 91 exited the program with 48 (53%) exiting to permanent housing.

- Anawim Housing - Shelter Plus Care (\$803,484): This is a one-year renewal of a program that provides permanent housing in 94 rental units for disabled 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 local agencies, the cost of which is used to meet the one-to-one match requirements (\$803,484) for the program.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 4, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-1076

Action: Continuum of Care Program Application funding to provide needed services to homeless persons in Des Moines and Polk County. (Council Communication No. 07-319) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: May 30, 2007

Roll Call Number: N/A

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

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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