



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

August 11, 2008

Agenda Item No. 26

Roll Call No. 08-

Communication No. 08-464

Submitted by: Chris M. Johansen, Housing
Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

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

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Council approval of Supportive Housing Program (SHP) Renewal Grant Agreement by and between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Des Moines for supplemental funding of local homeless programs to address service gaps. The renewal grant agreement provides for a one-year continuation of the Buchanan Transitional Living Center.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$99,390

Funding Source: HUD/Supportive Housing Program 2008-09 Operating Budget, Page 110, 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 renewal grant agreement totaling \$99,390, which requires 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 renewal grant agreement is for a term of one year.

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

Iowa Homeless Youth Centers – Buchanan Transitional Living Center. This is a one-year renewal to provide transitional housing and support services for up to 8 youth. Clients are required to work and/or attend school. The agency currently estimates \$28,571 of local leverage. Last year the project served 31 youth with 23 exiting the program and 15 (48%) exiting to permanent housing.

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

For more information on this and other agenda items, please call the City Clerk's Office at 515-283-4209 or visit the Clerk's Office on the second floor of City Hall, 400 Robert D Ray Drive. Council agendas are available to the public at the City Clerk's Office on Thursday afternoon preceding Monday's Council meeting. Citizens can also request to receive meeting notices and agendas by email by calling the Clerk's Office or sending their request via email to cityclerk@dmgov.org.