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Agenda Item No. 27
Roll Call No. 08-
Communication No. 08-503
Submitted by: Chris M. Johansen, Housing
Services Director

AGENDA HEADING:

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

SYNOPSIS:

Recommended Council approval of SHP Renewal Grant Agreement by and between HUD and the City of Des Moines for supplemental funding for local homeless programs to address service gaps. The renewal grant agreement provides for a one-year continuation of the West Des Moines Transitional Housing Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$75,372

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 \$75,372, 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:

West Des Moines Human Services - Transitional Housing Program. This is a one-year renewal to provide 4 units of transitional housing and support services in four single-family homes. The agency also provides case management, employment assistance, transportation, and other basic needs. The agency currently estimates \$12,500 in local leverage. Last year the program served 7 families with 3 exiting the program and 3 (100%) 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

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