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	Agenda Item No. 23 Roll Call No. 09- Communication No. 09-713 Submitted by: Chris Johansen, Assistant City Manager	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the Shelter Plus Care Renewal Grant Agreements with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Council approval of the Shelter Plus Care (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 continuation of the Anawim Housing Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,056,012

Funding source: HUD/SHP Continuum of Care Program. Homeless Grants (SHP 2008099); 2008-09 Operating Budget, Page 110, SP039 CDD049900.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On behalf of the City, the Housing Services Department, with input from the Polk County Housing Continuum Board and City Council approval, submitted an application to HUD on September 24, 2008 for \$3,486,015 for Continuum of Care funds to supplement local efforts to provide needed services to the homeless in Des Moines and Polk County. Included in the application were two renewal requests for the Shelter Plus Care program which is designed to link rental assistance to supportive services for hard-to-serve homeless persons with disabilities. The City’s application was approved in early 2009 and HUD has now forwarded two (2) renewal grant agreements totaling \$1,056,012 in S+C funding, which require Council approval. Processing disaster and stimulus funding has slowed the HUD contractual process and the City is still awaiting grant agreements for several other Supportive Housing Program renewals.

Anawim Housing will use the grants to fund 129 units of rental housing for eligible homeless persons. 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 (\$1,056,012) for the program.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 22, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1660

Action: Approve the 2008 Continuum of Care application. Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion carried 7-0

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NRB

Date: September 10, 2008

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Polk County Housing Continuum Board recommended adoption of the Continuum of Care Committee's recommendations for the 2008 Supportive Housing Program application.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Approval of Grant Agreements for the remaining 2008 renewals.

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