

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the 2010 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Supportive Housing Program (SHP) Continuum of Care Application.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend City Council approval to submit the 2010 Continuum of Care application for the Supportive Housing Program and Shelter Plus Care Funding as recommended by the Polk County Housing Continuum (PCHC) Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,970,787

<u>Funding Source</u>: Program Year 2010 HUD Continuum of Care funding for the Supportive Housing and Shelter Plus Care Programs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

At their meeting on October 13, 2010 the PCHC Board approved a motion to adopt the 2010 SHP application as recommended by the Continuum of Care Committee and forward it to the City Council for approval. At their meeting on September 13, 2010 by Roll Call No. 10-1471, the City Council adopted the recommendations of the PCHC Board for the 2010 Supportive Housing Program application priorities and procedures to be applied to the Continuum of Care program application. The PCHC has forwarded a communication stating that these procedures and priorities were followed in preparing the application and lists the renewal, bonus, and Shelter Plus Care projects to be included in the 2010 application. The City Manager has reviewed the attached proposed allocation of the funds and recommends approval of the application.

The PCHC Board added a Housing Development Committee to the review process this year. To encourage and solicit new projects designed to advance the PCHC priority of expanding permanent supportive housing, the Housing Development Committee was charged with the task of creating and distributing a "Request for Proposals" for new project applications for the 2010 SHP application. New project applicants were required to submit proposals for the review and scoring of the Housing Development Committee. The HDC met on July 28, 2010 for review and discussion of the two new project application packages submitted for review:

- <u>YMCA of Greater Des Moines, for 15 project based Shelter Plus Care efficiency units for single</u> adult men with disabilities; and
- <u>Anawim Housing, for 12 scattered site Shelter Plus Care, 1 BR units for homeless and chronically homeless individuals and families.</u>

The HDC voted to award all 100 Bonus Points to the Anawim Housing project based on the rationale that the Anawim project advanced the strategic priorities of the PCHC by expanding the existing housing inventory, while the YMCA project represented a conversion of existing transitional housing units without a net gain in the number of units. In addition, the HDC stated that the Anawim project targets a broader, more diverse population and has more inclusive eligibility criteria. The City Manager agrees with the rationale of the Committee and also the fact that Anawim has over ten years of experience in operating Shelter Plus Care projects and has been identified by HUD as administering an exemplary program. The Anawim Housing project is applying for \$434,880.

The programs applying for renewal funding are the following:

House of Mercy Transitional Housing - \$289,732 Primary Health Care – Enhancement - \$256,108 West Des Moines Human Services – Transitional Housing - \$30,265 West Des Moines Human Services – Transitional Housing - \$76,136 Primary Health Care – Street Outreach - \$85,000 Iowa Homeless Youth Center – Lighthouse - \$288,266 I-COUNT HMIS - \$110,250 House of Mercy Capitol Park - \$227,468 Iowa Homeless Youth Center – Buchanan - \$99,390 Anawim Housing - \$429,000 Anawim Shelter Plus Care - \$825,492 Anawim Shelter Plus Care - \$253,680

Total applications - \$2,970,787

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 13, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-1471

<u>Action: Receipt</u> of communication from the Polk County Housing Continuum Board submitting recommendations for the 2010 Supportive Housing Program priorities and procedures. (Council <u>Communication No. 10- 540</u>) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

<u>Date:</u> October 13, 2010)

Roll Call Number: N/A

<u>Action:</u> The Polk County Housing Continuum Board approved a motion to recommend that the City Council approve the 2010 SHP funding recommendations.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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