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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>28</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>13-1900</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>13-585</u></b>
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**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval of 2013 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The ESG program is designed to assist people to swiftly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. There are five (5) Eligible Categories of assistance:

- 1) Street Outreach;
- 2) Emergency Shelters (including Transitional Housing);
- 3) Homelessness Prevention Assistance;
- 4) Rapid Re-housing Assistance; and
- 5) Provide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for data collection.

This action allocates funding to nine (9) area service providers.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$243,429

Funding Source: 2013-2014 Operating Budget, Community Development Department, Special Revenue Fund, SPO39, Page 58

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On October 16, 2013 the City of Des Moines issued a notice of funding availability for the ESG program for the City of Des Moines. Applications were received by the City on November 6, 2013.

A review committee was established and was comprised of the following members:

- Kristine Frakes, Des Moines Area Religious Council;
- Susie Osby, Polk County Health Services;
- Angela Dethlefs-Trettin, Des Moines Community Foundation;
- Vanessa Sedrel, United Way; and
- Phil Delafield, City of Des Moines.

The review committee met on November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> to develop their recommendations while utilizing the goals from the City of Des Moines Consolidated Plan, the Key Initiatives of the Homeless Coordinating Council, and the priorities of the Continuum of Care.

The remainder of the funding (\$66,541.13) will be allocated to Polk County Community, Family, and Youth Services for their Homeless Prevention Program.

#### Future Steps

The committee will reconvene once the amounts for 2014 are known to allocate this funding. For 2014, it is expected that the amounts for ESG will be reduced once again based on the ongoing impacts of sequestration. The committee wants to make the agencies aware of these anticipated cuts as this will impact their future funding.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

#### **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Board: Homeless Coordinating Council

Date: December 3, 2013

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Recommend Approval to the Des Moines City Council of 2013 ESG funding allocations.

Board: Neighborhood Revitalization Board

Date: December 4, 2013

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Recommend Approval to the Des Moines City Council of 2013 ESG funding allocations.

#### **ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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