


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-188	Meeting:	May 6, 2019
	Agenda Item:	20	Roll Call:	19-0711
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Community Development Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution approving letter of support and preliminary commitment of Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds for Central Iowa Shelter and Services (CISS).

SYNOPSIS:

CISS is applying to the National Housing Trust Fund for funding to build 24 permanent supportive housing units on excess City-owned property located south of and adjoining 1330 and 1420 Mulberry Street. Additionally, the City is committing up to \$400,000 for this project in support of the proposed additional permanent supportive housing units and services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$400,000

Funding Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The most recent Point in Time Count done in February 2018 showed there were 110 chronic homeless in Polk County. Of this total, 46 individuals were unsheltered. There is a need in Polk County to develop additional Permanent Supportive Housing units to house the chronic homeless population. This project will bring 24 additional units to the inventory to help with this cause.
- It is also recommended for the City to contribute \$400,000 in HOME funds to this project.
- This project has received support from the Homeless Coordinating Council and the Polk County Housing Continuum.
- The proposed site is near the existing shelter and services that are critical to chronically homeless. The City has not been able to identify any other workable sites.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 25, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-1118](#) and [18-1119](#)

Action: On conveyance of excess City property located south of and adjoining 1330 and 1420 Mulberry Street to Central Iowa Shelter Services for \$1,000. ([Council Communication No. 18-331](#)) Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

(A) Approving letter of support for Central Iowa Shelter & Services. ([Council Communication No. 18-341](#)) Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Motion carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

If the project is awarded National Housing Trust Funds from the Iowa Finance Authority and the project clears the environmental review process, then the City will have another action to formally award the \$400,000 HOME funds. This action would occur in fall 2019.

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