

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-065	Meeting:	February 24, 2025
	Agenda Item:	32	Roll Call:	25-0272
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) grant agreement with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SYNOPSIS:

This action authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with HUD for the receipt and administration of ESG RUSH funds in response to the May 2024 tornadoes and storms that impacted residents who were homeless or at risk of homelessness during that period.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$534,905

Funding Source: HUD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On July 18, 2024, HUD released a new notice providing implementation guidance for the RUSH program. RUSH grants, awarded under the ESG grant program, are made to States or local governments for the purpose of assisting individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, who have been residing in a “declared disaster area” and have needs that are not otherwise served or fully met by existing Federal disaster relief programs.
- Eligible activities for this funding align with the ESG program overall, including activities:
 - For people experiencing homelessness before the disaster such as emergency shelter; rapid re-housing, which provides up to 24 months of rental assistance, financial assistance for move in costs, and supportive services; and
 - For people who were at-risk of experiencing homelessness before the disaster such as homelessness prevention, which provides up to 24 months of rental assistance, utility assistance, and supportive services for people at risk of homelessness; and outreach assistance, including assistance to meet urgent needs.

- Proposed allocations are based on recent or existing subrecipient agreements to facilitate quick deployment of funds. Proposed allocations are as follows:

Subrecipient	ESG Component	Proposed Amount
Children & Families of Iowa	Emergency Shelter	\$ 30,904
Central Iowa Shelter & Services	Emergency Shelter	\$ 125,565
Hawthorn Hill Ministries	Emergency Shelter	\$ 50,056
Iowa Homeless Youth Center	Emergency Shelter	\$ 25,000
HOME, Inc.	Homelessness Prevention	\$ 107,216
Primary Healthcare	Centralized Intake	\$ 50,000
Primary Healthcare	Street Outreach	\$ 90,000
Institute for Community Alliances	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$ 16,047
City Administration	Administration (7.5% by regulation)	\$ 40,117
		\$ 534,905

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 7, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1351](#)

Action: [Substantial](#) amendment to the 2024 Annual Action Plans to include additional ESG funding from the RUSH program. ([Council Communication No. 24-388](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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