

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-358	Meeting:	September 29, 2025
	Agenda Item:	76	Roll Call:	25-1350
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of 2025 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) subrecipient funding under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SYNOPSIS:

The City of Des Moines has been allocated \$328,836 in ESG funding from the HUD for program year 2025. This City Council action confirms the 2025 ESG subrecipient recommendations as presented by the Homeward grant committee, the Homeward Board, and City staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$328,836

Funding Source: HUD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The ESG program is designed to assist people to swiftly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. Eligible categories of assistance:
 - Street Outreach,
 - Emergency Shelters (including transitional housing),
 - Homelessness Prevention Assistance,
 - Rapid Re-housing Assistance,
 - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for data collection, and
 - Administration.
- The ESG request for proposals was available on July 29, 2025, and the Homeward grant committee and City staff reviewed the proposals on September 2, 2025. The Homeward Board met on September 8, 2025, to approve subrecipient recommendations, which is being forwarded to the City Council.

- Funding recommendations are as follows:

Applicant/Subrecipient	Activity	2025 Amount Awarded
Central Iowa Shelter & Services (CISS)	Emergency Shelter	\$ 56,308
Children and Families of Iowa (CFI)	Emergency Shelter	\$ 44,992
Families Forward	Emergency Shelter	\$ 30,000
Iowa Homeless Youth Center (IHYC)	Emergency Shelter	\$ 20,000
Primary Health Care (PHC)	Street Outreach	\$ 46,000
Home Opportunities Made Easy (HOME, Inc.)	Homelessness Prevention	\$ 47,009
Primary Health Care (PHC)	Centralized Intake	\$ 50,000
Institute for Community Alliances (ICA)	HMIS	\$ 9,865
City	Administration	\$ 24,662

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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