

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-012	Meeting:	January 26, 2026
	Agenda Item:	34	Roll Call:	26-0135
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Public hearing for the Status of Funded Activities (SOFA) for Community Development Block Grant Funding to prepare, prevent, and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV 2) from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as passed through the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA).

SYNOPSIS:

As part of compliance with the State of Iowa's CDBG-CV 2 allocation to the City, the City must conduct a public hearing when approximately 50 percent of its funding has been expended.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$456,000

Funding Source: HUD, as passed through the IEDA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Many emergency shelters are experiencing financial strain. Part of this strain was caused by the long-term effects of COVID 19, including the increase of individuals and families needing emergency shelter as they navigate economic hardships worsened by the pandemic.
- As a result, the State determined it would disperse CDBG-CV funding to entitlement communities, such as the City of Des Moines, for emergency shelter operations. Four eligible emergency shelters were identified by the State and granted operations funding as passed through the City. Eligible agencies included shelters that:
 - Have an existing contract with the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) with one or more homelessness assistance programs;
 - Serves a general population of persons experiencing homelessness (individuals, youth, and/or families) without restrictions for specific subpopulations; and
 - Is currently in good standing with IEDA and IFA.
- Subrecipient agreements end on May 31, 2026.

- Accomplishments to date are below. Accomplishments are usually reported with expenditures. As shown in the next bullet point, three agencies had not requested reimbursement for expenditures as of December 31, 2025.

Subrecipient	Accomplishments
Central Iowa Shelter & Services (CISS)	1,853 individuals served
Families Forward	No accomplishments reported
Catholic Charities	124 individuals served
Youth & Shelter Services, doing business as Iowa Homeless Youth Shelter (IHYC)	31 individuals served

- Summary of expenditures to date include:

Subrecipient	Award Amount	Expenditures as of 12/31/25	% Spent
CISS	300,000	201,104.00	67.03%
Families Forward	50,000	0.00	0.00%
Catholic Charities	50,000	0.00	0.00%
IHYC	50,000	0.00	0.00%
Administration	6,000	3,010.98	50.18%

- Please note, the expenditures above are those that the City has received as requests for reimbursement. Subrecipients have likely expended more than half their grants already, but they may not have requested reimbursement yet.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 12, 2026

Roll Call Number: [26-0068](#)

Action: [On](#) the Status of Funding Activities SOFA for Community Development Block Grant Funds to prepare for, prevent, and respond to CDBG-CV, as passed through the IEDA, (1-26-26). Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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