

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-159	Meeting:	May 4, 2026
	Agenda Item:	21	Roll Call:	26-0559
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of 2026 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) subrecipient funding under the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

SYNOPSIS:

The City of Des Moines has been allocated \$330,466 in ESG funding from HUD for program year 2026. This City Council action confirms the 2026 ESG subrecipient recommendations as presented by the Homeward grant committee, the Homeward Board, and City staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$330,466

Funding Source: FY26 Operating Budget, Page 154, Neighborhood Services Department, Special Revenue and Other Funds, Homeless Grants

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 include:
 - Street Outreach
 - Emergency Shelters (including transitional housing)
 - Homelessness Prevention Assistance
 - Rapid Re-housing Assistance
 - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for data collection
 - Administration
- Homeward and City staff coordinate to solicit proposals every two years. 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 was forwarded and approved by the City Council on September 29, 2025.

- The 2026 ESG subrecipient recommendations are an extension of the 2025 grant cycle. There are no changes to subrecipients. Most subrecipients are receiving a slight increase—\$243— from 2025.
- The 2026 ESG allocation is \$1,630 higher than the 2025 allocation of \$328,836.
- Funding recommendations are as follows:

Applicant/Subrecipient	Activity	2026 Amount Awarded
Central Iowa Shelter & Services (CISS)	Emergency Shelter	\$ 56,552.00
Children and Families of Iowa (CFI)	Emergency Shelter	\$ 45,235.00
Families Forward	Emergency Shelter	\$ 30,243.00
Iowa Homeless Youth Center (IHYC)	Emergency Shelter	\$ 20,243.00
Primary Health Care (PHC)	Street Outreach	\$ 46,243.00
Home Opportunities Made Easy (HOME, Inc.)	Homelessness Prevention	\$ 47,252.00
Primary Health Care (PHC)	Centralized Intake	\$ 50,000.00
Institute for Community Alliances (ICA)	HMIS	\$ 9,914.00
City	Administration	\$ 24,784.00

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 29, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-1350](#)

Action: [2025](#) ESG subrecipient funding under HUD. ([Council Communication No. 25-358](#)) Moved by Gatto adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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