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Date June 4, 2007

APPROVAL OF CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM APPLICATION

WHEREAS, in response to a Super NOFA published in the Federal Register on March 13, 2007, to supplement funding for local homeless programs, the City's Housing Services Department and the Polk County Housing Continuum prepared an application for \$2,655,424 in Continuum of Care Program funds, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office and by this reference made a part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the application was developed from the City's Continuum of Care strategy, whereby Continuum of Care funds would provide needed services to homeless persons in Des Moines and address high priority service gaps within the parameters of Continuum of Care-eligible activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the above-referenced Continuum of Care application is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the above-referenced Continuum of Care Program application and certifications and the City Manager or his designee is hereby directed to submit the above application to HUD.

(Council Communication No. 07- 319)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Glenna K. Frank
 Glenna K. Frank
 Assistant City Attorney

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 Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, JODY WITMER, Chief Deputy City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

 Chief Deputy City Clerk

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: The Polk County Housing Continuum (PCHC)

DATE: May 30, 2007

SUBJECT: 2007 Supportive Housing Program Funding Recommendations

The PCHC Board assigned the Continuum of Care Committee to prepare the 2007 Supportive Housing Program (SHP) application. The Committee has been meeting since January to develop forms and procedures for reviewing proposals and assigning members to preparation of various parts of the application.

The SHP application is divided into two Exhibits. Exhibit 1 deals with both the current number and demographics of homeless persons in Polk County and the structure, workings, procedures, and accomplishments of our local Continuum of Care.

Exhibit 2 provides a description of each of the projects local agencies will implement to assist various segments of the homeless population, including the targeted group, costs, past performance, matching funds, and reporting.

In order to review and rank the Exhibit 2 projects, the C of C Committee appointed a Review Committee made up of local persons involved in homeless services, housing construction and rehabilitation, support services, and administration of federal assistance programs. The persons serving on this committee are: Corinne Lambert and Maureen Wolf (United Way), Mary Neiderbach (City of Des Moines Neighborhood Conservation Services Division), Jan Owens Bruene (Iowans for Social and Economic Development) and Carol Gathright and Bob Schulte (City of Des Moines Housing Services Department). None of these persons are part of any organization seeking funding through the SHP.

The Review Committee received and reviewed the Exhibit 2 applications for errors and omissions. Committee members used forms and point systems to rate performance and rank the accuracy and completeness of the applications. Representatives from each applicant agency made a presentation to the Committee on May 10 to answer questions and supply additional information regarding their respective projects.

On May 11, the Committee met to finalize their funding recommendations for consideration by the PCHC Board. The instruments used to rank performance, accuracy and completeness of the projects are helpful in determining the capacity of an agency to deliver the service. However, the SHP regulations require that a project funded from Bonus funds has to be ranked Number 1. We received two new proposals that would qualify for bonus funding. The YMCA and Central Iowa Shelter & Services (CISS) both submitted applications for permanent housing for the chronically homeless. The PCHC is recommending that the CISS project be funded because it will expand all three categories of homeless housing and also provide a daytime drop-in activity center for the homeless.

The Anawim Shelter + Care project is not funded from the local Pro Rata Need and the ranking has no real effect on the funding of the program.

Attached is a recap of the funds available, ranking of the projects, and recommended allocation amounts. Also, the City and the agencies will equally divide 5% (\$132,771) of the total grant for administration. The following is a brief description of each project:

1. (2,189 pts.) Central Iowa Shelter and Services - Permanent Housing for Chronically Homeless - \$387,989 (\$250,549 Bonus Funds and \$137,440 of Pro Rata Need): to construct a new shelter that will provide emergency, transitional, and permanent housing. CISS requested \$250,549 in bonus funds for construction costs related to the permanent housing section of the facility. The new shelter will provide 12 units of permanent housing for the chronically homeless, 105 emergency shelter beds, and 56 transitional beds at an estimated cost of \$7 million. CISS will also provide outreach, case management, substance abuse services, transportation, and 24/7 staffing. The facility will be open to all adults regardless of physical or emotional conditions. It will also serve as a daytime drop-in center offering services to homeless persons not living in the shelter. The Agency currently estimates local leverage of \$4.5 million.
2. (2,303 pts.) Primary Health Care - Enhancement Project - \$256,108: a one-year renewal to assist adults and children to transition from the street to decent affordable housing through outreach, referral, and support services. Primary Health Care also conducts site visits to all Des Moines area shelters to provide health screenings and treat medical problems. The agency currently estimates local leverage of \$157,143. Last year the agency served 464 persons with 418 exiting the program and 112 (27%) exiting to permanent housing.
3. (2,298 pts.) House of Mercy - Transitional Housing - \$289,732: a one-year renewal to provide transitional housing for up to 148 women and/or women with children. The project provides housing and a wide array of support services including case management, counseling, medical and dental health care, transportation, and job search assistance. The agency currently estimates \$667,656 of local leverage. Last year the agency served 150 persons with 89 exiting the program and 75 (84%) exiting to permanent housing.
4. (2,296 pts.) Iowa Homeless Youth Centers - Buchanan Street - \$99,390: a one-year renewal to provide transitional housing and support services for up to 8 youth. Clients are required to work and/or attend school. The agency currently estimates \$100,612 of local leverage. Last year the project served 31 youth with 23 exiting the program and 15 (48%) exiting to permanent housing.
5. (2,280 pts.) Primary Health Care - Street Outreach) - \$84,999: a one-year renewal to assist 92 chronically homeless persons obtain needed medical and mental health services and move from the streets to transitional or permanent housing. The agency

currently estimates \$49,626 of local leverage. Last year 92 persons were served and 91 exited the program with 48 (53%) exiting to permanent housing.

6. (2,278 pts.) West Des Moines Human Services - Transitional Housing - \$75,372: a one-year renewal to provide 4 units of transitional housing and support services in four single-family homes. The agency also provides case management, employment assistance, transportation, and other basic needs. The agency currently estimates \$59,192 in local leverage. Last year the program served 7 families with 3 exiting the program and 3 (100%) exiting to permanent housing.
 7. (2,274 pts.) House of Mercy - Capital Park -\$227,469: a one-year renewal of a permanent housing program to serve women with disabilities. Up to 26 women and/or women with children can be served. Participants in Mercy's Transitional Housing program can move to this facility, if their progress to self-sufficiency will take longer than the two years allowed for a transitional housing program. Based on the availability of space, other agencies can also refer women to the facility. The agency currently estimates \$88,058 of local leverage. Last year the project served 30 women and children with 11 exiting the program and 9 (82%) exiting to permanent housing.
 8. (2,170 pts) Iowa Institute for Community Alliances - HMIS - \$110,250: a one-year renewal of a Homeless Management Information System locally known as I-Count to help fund staff, hardware/software resources, operating expenses, and training of shelter staff to collect accurate data on the number of homeless persons in all categories in Polk County, the types of services provided, and identification of gaps in service. The agency currently estimates \$27,000 of local leverage.
 9. (2,128 pts.) YMCA - Permanent Housing for Chronically Homeless - \$232,904: a new project to provide 40 units of permanent housing. The PCHC recommends zero funding for the reasons stated above.
 10. (1,939. pts.) YMCA - Transitional Housing - \$102,216: a one-year renewal to provide 120 units of transitional housing and support services to disabled and/or chronically homeless men. Clients receive case management and help with substance abuse, mental health, medical problems, and job search. The agency currently estimates \$322,422 of local leverage. Last year, the program served 510 men with 369 exiting the program and 149 (40%) exiting to permanent housing.
 11. (1,838 pts.) Iowa Homeless Youth Centers - Lighthouse - \$287,355: a one-year renewal to provide transitional housing and support services for up to 18 youth and/or youth with children. The agency currently estimates \$287,590 of local leverage. Last year the program served 14 youth with 10 exiting the program and 8 (80%) exiting to permanent housing.
- N/A Anawim Shelter Plus Care - \$734,544: a one-year renewal of a program that provides permanent housing in 94 rental units for disabled homeless individuals. It is similar to the Sec 8 housing program and subsidizes up to 100% of the rent. Federal regulations

require that case management be provided by other local agencies, the cost of which is used to meet the one-to-one match requirements (\$734,544) for the program.

The Polk County Housing Continuum recommends that the City Council adopt the above recommendations totaling \$2,655,424 at their meeting on June 4, 2007 and forward them to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Late this year, HUD will notify the City of the projects that have been approved for funding and they will be implemented at various times in 2008, depending on when their current contracts expire.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please advise.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Bodin".

Carol Bodin, Chair
Polk County Housing Continuum

Cc: City Manager
Housing Services Director
Neighborhood Revitalization Board
PCHC Members
United Way- Community Impact Director

POLK COUNTY HOUSING CONTINUUM 2007 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM (SHP) RECOMMENDATIONS

Funds Available:

- Pro Rata Need - \$1,670,331 (Formula, competitive grant and can change from year to year)
 - Bonus Project - \$ 250,549 (15% of Pro Rata Need, must be ranked #1 and be for 2 or 3 years)
 - Shelter + Care - \$ 734,544 (not charged to Pro Rata Need)
- Total \$2,655,424

Polk County Housing Continuum Funding Recommendations:

<u>Points</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Period</u>
2,189	1	Cent Iowa Shelt. & Serv. Perm. Hsg	\$387,989	New	2 years
2,303	2	Primary Health Care – Enhancement	256,108	Renewal	1 year
2,298	3	House of Mercy – Transitional	289,732	Renewal	1 year
2,296	4	IHYC – Buchanan Transitional	99,390	Renewal	1 year
2,280	5	Primary Health Care – St. Outreach	84,999	Renewal	1 year
2,278	6	West DM - Transitional Housing	75,372	Renewal	1 year
2,274	7	House of Mercy – Permanent	227,469	Renewal	1 year
2,170	8	Ia. Inst. For Comm. Alliances HMIS	110,250	Renewal	1 year
2,128	9	YMCA – Permanent Housing	-0-	New	2 years
1,939	10	YMCA – Transitional	102,216	Renewal	1 year
1,838	11	IHYC – Lighthouse Transitional	287,355	Renewal	1 year
N/A	N/A	Anawim – Shelter Plus Care	734,544	Renewal	1 year

The above recommendations allocate all of the Pro Rata Need (\$1,670,331) to the renewal projects and the new CISS Support and Operating Costs. The bonus funds (\$250,549) are allocated to CISS construction costs. The Shelter Plus Care project renewal is funded at \$734,544, for a total 2007 allocation of \$2,655,424.

If the City's application does not score 86 or more points, we will not receive bonus funds and the new projects won't be funded. Our allocation would be \$1,532,900 from the pro rata share, and \$734,544 for Shelter Plus Care for a total allocation of \$2,267,444.