

Date June 22, 2009

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR OF THE POLK COUNTY HOUSING CONTINUUM BOARD RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2009 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, at their special meeting on April 15, 2009, the Polk County Housing Continuum (PCHC) Board approved a motion to adopt the following priorities for the 2009 Supportive Housing Program application:

- All renewal grant applications for existing projects receive high priority, and
- New grant applications be considered only for permanent affordable housing, or for permanent affordable housing with supportive services. The only exception allowed would be for supportive services tied to a permanent affordable housing project; and

WHEREAS, support for these priorities is based on 1) a demonstrated need for more permanent housing units for homeless families, and 2) the potential for insufficient funds to support existing projects in 2011 should new supportive services only or transitional housing projects be funded in 2009; and

WHEREAS, final recommendations and ranking for the 2009 projects shall be based on the scores assigned to each applicant by an independent scoring committee whose recommendations will be presented to the full PCHC Board for approval; and

WHEREAS, the PCHC Board will submit the recommended projects and ranking for the Continuum of Care application to the City Manager for presentation and approval by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the priorities and procedures for development of the City's 2009 Supportive Housing Program application, as set forth herein and as recommended by the Polk County Housing Continuum Board in the attached Communication from the Board Chair, are hereby approved

★ **Roll Call Number**

Agenda Item Number

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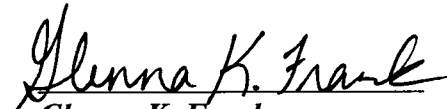
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the comments and recommendations of the City Manager as set out in Council Communication No. 09- 398, are hereby received, filed and approved.

(Council Communication No. 09- 398)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MOVED BY _____ TO ADOPT


Glenna K. Frank
 Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
HENSLEY				
KIERNAN				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
VLASSIS				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

 Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, 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.

 City Clerk

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Bill Swanson, Chair
Polk County Housing Continuum (PCHC) Board

SUBJECT: PCHC Board Recommendations for 2009 Supportive Housing Program Priorities

Date: June 8, 2009

At their special meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, the Polk County Housing Continuum Board (PCHC) approved a motion to adopt the following priorities for the 2009 Supportive Housing Program application:

- All renewal grant applications for existing projects receive high priority,
- New grant applications be considered only for permanent affordable housing, or for permanent affordable housing with supportive services. The only exception allowed would be for supportive services tied to a permanent affordable housing project.

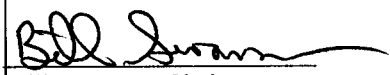
Support for these priorities is based on 1) a demonstrated need for more permanent housing units for homeless families, and 2) the potential for insufficient funds to support existing projects in 2011 should new supportive services only or transitional housing projects be funded in 2009.

At this time it is estimated that the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will not be published until the middle of July and the application will be due in early September.

Because of the tight time-frame for preparation and submission of the application, training for potential applicants was conducted on June 1, 2009. Applications will be due in early July. An independent scoring committee, named by the PCHC Executive committee, will be assembled and trained to score the applications. Agencies will receive copies of the scoring instrument before they submit their applications so that they will be aware of how their application will be scored. The Independent Scoring committee shall be made up of local persons involved in the delivery of housing, supportive services, and/or administration of federal grant programs. None of these persons can be a part of any organization seeking funding through the Continuum of Care application.

Final recommendations and ranking for the projects shall be based on the scores assigned to each applicant. The scoring committee's recommendations will be presented to the full PCHC Board for approval. The PCHC Board will submit the recommended projects and ranking for the C of C application to the City Manager for presentation and approval by the City Council.

The PCHC Board recommends that the City Council approve the above priorities and procedures to facilitate a smooth and fair application process.



Bill Swanson, Chair
Polk County Housing Continuum Board

cc: City Manager
Continuum of Care Committee Chair
Housing Services Director
Housing Coordinator

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