



Date August 3, 2026

**APPROVAL OF THE 2026 CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) GRANT PROGRAM
COMPETITIVE APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)**

WHEREAS, each year, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases a notification of funding for the Continuum of Care Program which provides funding for efforts by community partners to quickly re-house homeless persons, minimize trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness, to promote access to programs, and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants was published in the Federal Register on June 1, 2026 and applications for funding are due August 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City and Homeward, formerly known as the Polk County Continuum of Care, are preparing an application for \$8,693,569 to be submitted to HUD for approval; and

WHEREAS, of the requested amount, \$4,346,785 is in Tier 1, which is primarily for established programs renewing their funding allocation; \$3,984,552 is in Tier 2; and \$362,232 is for a CoC Planning Grant; and

WHEREAS, each year, Homeward, in partnership with the City, facilitates a local competitive grant review process where service providers working with homeless persons or persons at risk of homelessness submit proposals for funding renewal or new programs; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on July 20, 2026, the Homeward Board received and recommended approval of Homeward's Grant Committee's recommendations for the 2026 CoC grant application; and

WHEREAS, the application is based upon Homeward's and the City's strategy to address homelessness in Polk County, whereby CoC funds would provide needed services to homeless persons in Des Moines and throughout Polk County and address high priority service gaps within the parameters of the priorities and procedures recommended by the Homeward Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the above referenced CoC program application and certifications thereto are hereby approved and ratified, and the City Manager or his designee is hereby directed to execute any necessary documents and submit the application to HUD.

(Council Communication No. 26-283)



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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Moved by _____ to approve. Second by _____.

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Gary D. Goudelock Jr.
Gary D. Goudelock Jr.
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN				
SIMONSON				
VOSS				
BARRON				
WESTERGAARD				
MANDELBAUM				
GATTO				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED		APPROVED		

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, 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.

Mayor

City Clerk