



Date May 18, 2020

APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AGREEMENT WITH YOUTH AND SHELTER SERVICES (YSS), DOING BUSINESS AS IOWA HOMELESS YOUTH CENTERS (IHYC), FOR ACQUISITION OF 2705 E. EUCLID AVENUE

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-1730, the City Council approved the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, components of the City's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan are 1.) address homelessness, and 2.) neighborhood plan implementation, which is designed to provide funding to implement activities to further neighborhood revitalization efforts including the use of CDBG funding for acquisition of properties; and

WHEREAS, the use of CDBG funds by a nonprofit entity to acquire real property—including the cost of surveys to identify the property to be acquired, appraisals, the preparation of legal documents, recordation fees, and other costs that are necessary to effect the acquisition—is an eligible activity when the activity meets a national objective of the CDBG Program by benefitting low- or moderate-income clientele, such as persons who are homeless; and

WHEREAS, the proposed IHYC Rooftop Gardens at 2705 E. Euclid Avenue will provide soft-skills support and workforce training to help homeless youth between the ages of 16 and 24 years old secure permanent employment; and

WHEREAS, YSS, an Iowa non-profit corporation, has an accepted purchase offer for 2705 E. Euclid Avenue with the current owners, Michael J. Rovner Trust and Cynthia L. Rovner Trust, and has approached the City for funding for up to \$150,000 in acquisition costs; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted an Environmental Assessment, and it has received an Authorization to Use Grant Funds, dated February 20, 2020, from the HUD Omaha Field Office for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that:

- 1. The CDBG Agreement between the City of Des Moines and IHYC, in form on file in the office of the City Clerk, providing \$150,000 for acquisition of 2705 E. Euclid Avenue, is hereby approved;
2. The Director of the Community Development Department is authorized and directed to sign said Agreement and related documents, and the Community Development Department is directed to record said Agreement and all related documents as applicable.



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- 3. The Community Development Director and his assignees are authorized and directed to administer the CDBG Agreement and related documents in accordance with the terms therein; to approve and execute minor amendments thereto; and to present substantive amendments to the City Council for consideration and approval.

(Council Communication No. 20-227)

MOVED BY Yetto TO ADOPT.

FORM APPROVED:

Judy K Parks-Kruse  
Judy K. Parks-Kruse, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			
MOTION CARRIED			APPROVED	

CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, 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.

J. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

P. Kay Cmelik City Clerk