

ITEM #: 12
DATE: 10-13-09

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF CONSISTENCY WITH 2009-2014 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN ON BEHALF OF YOUTH AND SHELTER SERVICES, INC.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1995, Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) has received grant funds through the Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) Supportive Housing Program. Under this program, YSS administers their Lighthouse Transitional Living Programs in Story, Boone, Hardin, and Marshall Counties. The Lighthouse Transitional Living Program targets young mothers who are 16-25 years of age, homeless youth ages 16-21, and homeless pregnant/parenting women ages 16-25 and their children. The HUD funds are for leasing of rental properties, supportive services, and operations for the clients. The renewal funding application request is for approximately \$191,096, of which approximately \$58,893 is designated for Story County. YSS is in the process of preparing their 2009-10 Supportive Housing Program renewal application that will be submitted as part of the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Application, which is due to HUD by October 30.

In order for YSS to submit its application to the State of Iowa, they must receive certification from the City of Ames that their application is consistent with the goals outlined in the City's Consolidated Plan.

Staff has reviewed the YSS program application and finds that it is consistent with the goals outlined in the City's CDBG 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency.
2. The City Council can deny approval authorizing the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1. This action will authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency with the City's 2009-2014 CDBG Consolidated Plan, on behalf of Youth and Shelter Services, Inc., for submittal of their 2009-10 Supportive Services Housing Program Renewal Application to HUD through Iowa's Balance of State Continuum of Care Application process.