

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL ON BEHALF OF LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) FUNDS**

**BACKGROUND:**

In order for two local non-profit agencies, Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) and the Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support (ACCESS), to receive their award allocations of Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding, the City must sign a "Certification of Local Government Approval" signifying that the Council understands and agrees to allow these non-profit agencies to receive federal funds directly through the State of Iowa's Iowa Finance Authority (IFA).

Additionally, these certifications confirm that local governments are electing for IFA to administer these grant funds on behalf of the non-profit organizations. For the calendar year beginning January 1, 2014, YSS will be receiving \$128,330 for Story, Boone, Marshall and Polk counties, and ACCESS will be receiving \$60,000 for Story, Boone, Greene, Marshall and Tama counties.

In order to facilitate these agencies' receipt of these shelter grants, the Mayor must sign the attached "Certification of Local Government Approval" for both YSS and ACCESS.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The City Council can authorize the Mayor to sign the Certifications of Local Government Approval.
2. The City Council can choose to not authorize the Mayor to sign the Certifications of Local Government Approval.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receiving ESG grant funds administered through the Iowa Finance Authority is very important in helping these agencies provide much needed services for homeless youth and for homeless families with children in our community.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1. This action will authorize the Mayor to sign the Certifications of Local Government Approval for the Iowa Finance Authority to administer the ESG program on behalf of YSS and ACCESS.



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GRANT (ESG) FUNDS**

I, Mayor Ann H. Campbell *(name and title)*,

duly authorized to act on behalf of City of Ames, Iowa

*(name of jurisdiction)*, hereby approve the following project(s) proposed by \_\_\_\_\_

Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) *(name of nonprofit)*,

which is (are) to be located in the City of Ames, Iowa

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(name(s) of jurisdiction(s))*.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Date

Ann H. Campbell  
Printed Name of Signatory Local Official

Mayor  
Title



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I, Mayor Ann H. Campbell *(name and title)*,  
duly authorized to act on behalf of City of Ames, Iowa  
*(name of jurisdiction)*, hereby approve the following project(s) proposed by Assault  
Care Center Extending Shelter & Support (ACCESS) *(name of nonprofit)*,  
which is (are) to be located in the City of Ames, Iowa  
*(name(s) of jurisdiction(s))*.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Date

Ann H. Campbell  
Printed Name of Signatory Local Official

Mayor  
Title