

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY'S 2014-2018 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN ON BEHALF OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT FUNDS

BACKGROUND:

In order for area non-profit agencies such as Youth and Shelter Services (YSS), the Emergency Resident Project (ERP) and the Assault Care Center (ACCESS) to apply for Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding, local governments are asked to sign a "Certification of Local Government Approval" signifying that they understand and agree to allow the non-profit agency to receive federal funds directly from the State of Iowa. These certifications also confirm that local governments are electing for the State of Iowa to administer this grant on behalf of the non-profit organizations. For the year beginning January 1, 2016, YSS will be requesting approximately \$33,000, and ACCESS will be requesting approximately \$20,000 in federal funds.

In order to facilitate local agencies' receipt of these shelter grants, the Mayor must sign the attached "Certification of Local Government Approval" to allow the State of Iowa to administer the ESG program on behalf of the above named nonprofit agencies. After signing this certification, there are no additional obligations for the City.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receiving ESG grant funds is very important in helping these agencies provide much needed services for homeless youth and adults 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 Certification of Local Government Approval for the State of Iowa to administer the ESG program on behalf of YSS and ACCESS.

CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL

**FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING IOWA STATEWIDE
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) FUNDS FOR SHELTER**

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| ESG Nonprofit Recipient: | |
| ESG Shelter Project: | |
| Unit of General Purpose Local Government for the geographic area served (city or county): | |
| Project Description (2-3 sentences): | |

I certify that I am duly authorized to act on behalf of the unit of general purpose local government named above, and that I hereby approve* of this project.

By: _____
Signature Date

Printed Name and Title of Signatory Local Official

* This approval is made to carry out 24 CFR Part 576.202(a), which states the following:
“...The recipient must subgrant the remaining funds in its fiscal year grant to:
(1) Units of general purpose local government in the State, which may include metropolitan cities and urban counties that receive ESG funds directly from HUD; or
(2) Private nonprofit organizations, provided that for emergency shelter activities the recipient obtains a certification of approval from the unit of general purpose local government for the geographic area in which those activities are to be carried out.”

Iowa Statewide ESG Policy: This certification is required at the earlier of: 1) at least once every two years; or 2) when a new contract is received, and the administration has changed for the applicable unit of general purpose local government.