

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY'S 2014-2019 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN ON BEHALF OF YOUTH AND SHELTER SERVICES (YSS), 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 (SHP). Under this program, YSS administers its 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 with their children. The HUD funds are for leasing of rental properties, supportive services, and operations for the clients.

The YSS renewal funding application request is for approximately \$141,100 of which approximately \$21,390 is designated for Ames/Story County. YSS is in the process of preparing their 2020-21 Supportive Housing Program renewal application that will be submitted as part of the State of Iowa's Balance of State Continuum of Care Application on or by August 16, 2019.

Since Ames is a designated CDBG entitlement community, agencies requesting funding from HUD must have approval from the City that their program application matches the goals of the City's Consolidated Plan. Therefore, in order for YSS to submit its application to the State of Iowa, they must receive a certification (see attachment) from the City of Ames that their application is consistent with the goals outlined in the most current City's Consolidated Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff has determined that the YSS program application is consistent with the goals outlined in the City's current CDBG 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1 which will authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of YSS to submit an application for Supportive Housing Program funding to the Iowa Finance Authority.

CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL

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

ESG Nonprofit Recipient:	ACCESS-Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support
ESG Shelter Project:	ACCESS Shelter/Emergency Housing Program
Unit of General Purpose Local Government for the geographic area served (city or county):	City of Ames
Project Description (2-3 sentences):	ACCESS provides 14-16 beds of shelter through a scattered site model within the City of Ames. Additionally, ACCESS compliments shelter with rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention and essential community based support services.

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: _____ Date _____
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 least once every two years.

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