

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL ON BEHALF OF LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS APPLYING FOR GRANT FUNDS TO THE IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY (IFA)

BACKGROUND:

Youth and Shelter Services, Inc. (YSS) and The Bridge Home, are seeking City certification to submit applications for various grant funding through the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA). **In order to apply for this funding, these agencies must request a certification from the local government that the program funds are consistent with goals and priorities outlined in the City's most current CDBG Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2019-2023), for addressing the needs of homeless and low-income households.**

YSS is seeking to apply for approximately \$35,784 of Story County for Transitional Living Program (TLP) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) funding. The Bridge Home is seeking to apply for approximately \$178,459 of Rapid Rehousing (RRH), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Shelter Assistance Funds (SAF) funding for Two Rivers Regions that will primarily benefit Ames/Story County.

The "Certification of Local Government Approval" signifies that the City understands and agrees to allow these non-profit agencies to receive these federal funds directly through the IFA. Also, these certifications confirm that the City approves of IFA to administer these grant funds on behalf of the non-profit organizations. The application is for funding beginning January 1, 2022.

In order to facilitate YSS and The Bridge Home to be able to apply for these various grant funds, the Mayor is being asked to sign the attached "Certification of Local Government Approval" on behalf of both agencies.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can authorize the Mayor to sign the Certification of Local Government Approval for YSS and The Bridge Home in order to apply for various grant funding through the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA).
2. The City Council can choose to not authorize the Mayor to sign the Certification of Local Government Approval for YSS and The Bridge Home in order to apply for various grant funding through the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA).

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receiving these various grant funds administered through the Iowa Finance Authority is very important in helping these agencies provide much needed services related to housing. The staff has determined that requested are consistent with the goals and priorities outlined in the City's CDBG Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1.

CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL
**FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING IOWA STATEWIDE
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) FUNDS FOR SHELTER**

ESG Nonprofit Recipient:	Youth and Shelter Services, Inc. (YSS)
ESG Shelter Project:	Boone County TLP, Two Rivers Service Area RRH, Story County TLP, Marshal County TLP, and Polk County Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter.
Unit of General Purpose Local Government for the geographic area served (city or county):	City of Ames, Iowa
Project Description (2-3 sentences):	Project served homeless youth ages 16-24 in transitional living programs (TLP) and/or Rapid Rehousing programs (RRH) located in Boone, Marshall, Polk, and Story Counties, Street Outreach & Emergency Shelter to homeless youth in Polk County is provided by Iowa Homeless Youth Centers in Des Moines.

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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ESG Nonprofit Recipient:	The Bridge Home
ESG Shelter Project:	Ames/Story County
Unit of General Purpose Local Government for the geographic area served (city or county):	City of Ames, Iowa
Project Description (2-3 sentences):	The Bridge Home provides emergency shelter in single site shelter and motel vouchers. The Bridge Home also provides supportive housing, rapid re-housing and homeless prevention assistance.

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