

ITEM #: 7  
DATE: 07-18-23  
DEPT: P&H

### **COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN “CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL” ON BEHALF OF LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS APPLYING FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) FUNDS.**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In order for three local non-profit agencies, Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support (ACCESS), The Bridge Home (TBH), and Youth and Shelter Services (YSS), to apply for funding under the Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program, they are required to submit a “Certification of Local Government Approval” from the City of Ames. If they are awarded funding through this program, the certification allows these non-profit agencies to receive these federal funds directly through the State of Iowa’s Iowa Finance Authority (IFA).

**Additionally, these certifications confirm that local governments are electing to have IFA administer these grant funds on behalf of the non-profit organizations, rather than the City.** For the calendar year beginning January 1, 2024.

The attached “Certifications of Local Government Approval” for all three agencies must be submitted with their applications to IFA on or before July 25, 2023.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The City Council can authorize the Mayor to sign the Certifications of Local Government Approval on behalf of ACCESS, TBH, and YSS.
2. The City Council can choose not to authorize the Mayor to sign the Certifications of Local Government Approval on behalf of ACCESS, TBH, & YSS.

#### **CITY 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 and financial support for homeless individuals and families fleeing domestic violence, facing and experiencing homelessness, and for homeless youth in our community. 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:	ACCESS Assault Care Center
ESG Shelter Project:	ACCESS Emergency Shelter & Homeless Prevention
Unit of General Purpose Local Government for the geographic area served (city or county):	City of Ames
Project Description (2-3 sentences):	ACCESS provides emergency shelter, homeless prevention, and housing advocacy for people fleeing violence.

**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 least once every two years.*

## CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL

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

ESG Nonprofit Recipient:	Shelter Housing Corporation dba The Bridge Home
ESG Shelter Project:	The Bridge Home
Unit of General Purpose Local Government for the geographic area served (city or county):	City of Ames
Project Description (2-3 sentences):	The Bridge Home offers emergency shelter, street outreach, rapid rehousing, and supportive housing. The agency is applying for shelter and street outreach.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) FUNDS FOR SHELTER**

ESG Nonprofit Recipient:	Youth & Shelter Services Inc. (YSS)
ESG Shelter Project:	YSS Transitional Housing Services
Unit of General Purpose Local Government for the geographic area served (city or county):	City of Ames
Project Description (2-3 sentences):	YSS offers youth emergency shelter, transitional living, and rapid rehousing in Ames. The agency is applying for shelter, rapid rehousing, and street outreach(not Ames location) dollars.

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