

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:** CERTIFICATE OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY'S 2009-2014 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN ON BEHALF OF YOUTH AND SHELTER SERVICES, INC. IN CONJUNCTION WITH YSS'S SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM RENEWAL FUNDING APPLICATION

**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 their 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 and their children. The HUD funds are for leasing rental properties, supportive services, and operations for the clients. The renewal funding application request is for approximately \$191,096, of which approximately \$56,963 is designated for Story County. YSS is in the process of preparing their 2014-15 Supportive Housing Program renewal application that will be submitted as part of the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Application by January 3, 2014.

Since Ames is a designated 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 certification (see attachment) from the City of Ames that their application is consistent with the goals outlined in the City's Consolidated Plan.**

**The goal of the Lighthouse Program is to provide a safe, stable living environment so that runaway or homeless females can become self-sufficient adults and/or parents. The administration of this program meets one of the three goals outlined in the 2009-14 Consolidated Plan, which is that CDBG funds should be used to promote one community by implementing programs that support a continuum of new or expanded housing and services targeted for homeless, transitional housing clients, and persons with special needs.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The City Council can authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency.
2. The City Council can choose not to authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1.** This action will authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency with the City's 2009-2014 CDBG Consolidated Plan on behalf of Youth and Shelter Services, Inc., for submittal of their 2014-15 Supportive Services Housing Program Renewal Application to HUD through Iowa's Balance of State Continuum of Care Application process.

**Certification of Consistency  
with the Consolidated Plan**

**U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development**

I certify that the proposed activities/projects in the application are consistent with the jurisdiction's current, approved Consolidated Plan.  
(Type or clearly print the following information:)

Applicant Name: Youth and Shelter Services, Inc.

Project Name: Lighthouse Transitional Living Program

Location of the Project: Boone County, Hardin County, Marshall County, and Story County  
including Ames

Name of the Federal  
Program to which the  
applicant is applying: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Name of  
Certifying Jurisdiction: City of Ames

Certifying Official  
of the Jurisdiction  
Name: Ann Campbell

Title: Mayor

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_