

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL ON BEHALF OF LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) FUNDS

BACKGROUND:

In order for three local non-profit agencies, Youth and Shelter Services (YSS), Emergency Residence Project (ERP) and the Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support (ACCESS), 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 for IFA to administer these grant funds on behalf of the non-profit organizations for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2018.

The attached "Certifications of Local Government Approval" for both YSS, ERP and ACCESS must be submitted with their applications to IFA by July 21, 2017.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

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 for homeless youth and for homeless families with children in our community.

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



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.
ESG Shelter Project:	Boone County TLP, Marshall County TLP, Story County TLP, Iowa Homeless Youth Centers (Polk County) TLP, Iowa Homeless Youth Centers (Polk County) Street Outreach project, and Francis Lauer Youth Services.
Unit of General Purpose Local Government for the geographic area served (city or county):	City of Ames, Iowa
Project Description (2-3 sentences):	Project serves homeless youth ages 16-21 and young pregnant, parenting women up to age 25 and their children in transitional living programs (TLP) located in Boone, Marshall, Polk, and Story Counties. Street Outreach to homeless youth is provided by the Iowa Homeless Youth Centers. Shelter is provided by Francis Lauer Youth Serv.

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 sub-grant 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.



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

ESG Nonprofit Recipient:	Emergency Residence Project
ESG Shelter Project:	Emergency Residence Project
Unit of General Purpose Local Government for the geographic area served (city or county):	City of Ames, IA
Project Description (2-3 sentences):	ERP provides emergency shelter in single site shelter and motel vouchers. ERP also provides transitional + homeless prevention assistance.

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