

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 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, 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 the local government elects for IFA to administer these grant funds on behalf of the non-profit organizations for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2019.

The attached "Certifications of Local Government Approval" for all three agencies must be submitted with their applications to IFA on or before July 21, 2018.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can authorize the Mayor to sign the Certifications of Local Government Approval on behalf of YSS, ERP & 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 & 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. This action will authorize the Mayor to sign the Certifications of Local Government Approval for the Iowa Finance Authority to administer the ESG program on behalf of YSS, ERP & ACCESS, if they are awarded the grant funding.



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 Opportunity Center (Polk County), Street Outreach, Francis Lauer/YSS (Cerro Gordo County).
Unit of General Purpose Local Government for the geographic area served (city or county):	City of Ames, Iowa
Project Description (2-3 sentences):	Project services homeless youth ages 16-21 and pregnant or parenting women up to age 25 and their children in transitional living programs located in Boone, Marshall, Polk, and Story counties. Street Outreach and the Youth Opportunity Center in Polk County provides emergency beds and services to homeless transitional aged youth (16-21). Shelter is also provided by Francis Lauer/YSS in Cerro Gordo County.

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:	Emergency Residence Project (ERP)
ESG Shelter Project:	Emergency Residence Project (ERP)
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 shelter in single-site shelter and motel vouchering. ERP also provides rapid rehousing, transitional housing, and homeless prevention assistance.

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

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“...The recipient must subgrant the remaining funds in its fiscal year grant to:

(3) 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

(4) 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.”

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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, Iowa
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, homeless prevention, housing advocacy, and essential community based support services.

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By: _____
Signature Date

Printed Name and Title of Signatory Local Official

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- (5) 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
- (6) 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.