

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:**       **CERTIFICATE OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY'S 2014-2018 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN ON BEHALF OF YOUTH AND SHELTER SERVICES (YSS), INC.**

**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 its 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 with their children. The HUD funds are for leasing of rental properties, supportive services, and operations for the clients.

The YSS renewal funding application request is for approximately \$194,737 of which approximately \$51,000 is designated for Ames/Story County. YSS is in the process of preparing their 2018-19 Supportive Housing Program renewal application that will be submitted as part of the State of Iowa's Balance of State Continuum of Care Application on or by August 31, 2018.

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

**Staff's overview of YSS's program application finds that it is consistent with the goals outlined in the City's CDBG 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The City Council can authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of YSS.
2. The City Council can deny approval authorizing the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of YSS.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff has determined that the YSS program application is consistent with the goals outlined in the City's CDBG 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1 which will authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of YSS to submit an application for Supportive Housing Program funding to the Iowa Finance Authority.

**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, Marshall County, and Story County - including Ames

Name of the Federal  
Program to which the  
applicant is applying: HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM

Name of  
Certifying Jurisdiction: City of Ames

Certifying Official  
of the Jurisdiction  
Name: John Haila

Title: Mayor, City of Ames, Iowa

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

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