

ITEM #: 8  
DATE: 10/26/21

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF CONSISTENCY WITH 2019-2023 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN ON BEHALF OF TWO LOCAL AGENCIES FOR FUNDING UNDER IOWA’S CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT**

**BACKGROUND:**

For the program year 2022, in order for Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) and The Bridge Home to apply for Rapid ReHousing (RRH) funding as part of the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Application from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), these agencies must have concurrence from the City that their program applications match the goals of the City’s current 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan.

YSS is applying for \$189,225 to administer a new 10-unit RRH project that will cover the Two Rivers Service Area, but will be based and staffed in Story County. This new rapid rehousing program consists of scattered site apartments in which landlords own the units and the leases are in the youth’s name. The youth can stay in the RRH unit as long as they want. This new Rapid Rehousing program has six units for individual homeless youths and four units for parenting or pregnant youths (all under the age of 25). YSS anticipates that most of the youths in this program will reside in Story County, and their apartments will most likely be in Ames.

The Bridge Home is seeking \$270,000 to administer a RRH program that will cover the Two Rivers Service Area. The funds will be used to towards Permanent Supportive Housing to assist clients with rental assistance, client transportation, and case management plus program administration. The Bridge Home anticipates that half of the grant funds (\$135,000) will be used in Ames/Story County.

**Staff has reviewed the applications for both YSS and The Bridge Home and finds they are consistent with goals and priorities outlined in the City’s CDBG 2019-2023 Five-year Consolidated Plan** to, “Reduce the cost burden for LMI households to access or maintain rental housing citywide.” The Plan also addresses the importance for local non-profit organizations to seek additional funding opportunities from state and federal resources in order to have a greater impact on the needs of the homeless, chronic homeless, extremely low-, very low- and low- and moderate-income households.

The Certificates of Consistency for both YSS and The Bridge Home are attached.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign a Certificate of Consistency for both YSS and The Bridge Home to submit applications to the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Application for RRH funding.
2. Do not authorize the Mayor to sign Certificates of Consistency for these applications.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The applications for these agencies to receive grant funding have been reviewed by City staff. The applications are consistent with the City's current 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan. The funds received would have a benefit for Ames and Story County residents.

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

# 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: YSS Central Iowa Youth Rapid Rehousing

Location of the Project: Two Rivers Service Area- Ames, Marshalltown, Greene, Hardin, and Boone  
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Name of the Federal Program to which the applicant is applying: Balance of State CoC HUD Funding

Name of Certifying Jurisdiction: Ames - City Government

Certifying Official of the Jurisdiction Name: Mayor John Haila

Title: Mayor of Ames

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

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

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Applicant Name: Shelter Housing Corporation, dba The Bridge Home

Project Name: The Bridge Home Permanent Supportive Housing

Location of the Project: 225 S. Kellogg Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010

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Name of the Federal Program to which the applicant is applying: HUD

Name of Certifying Jurisdiction: City of Ames

Certifying Official of the Jurisdiction Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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