

ITEM #: 12
DATE: 08/23/22

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY'S 2019-2023 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN ON BEHALF OF THE BRIDGE HOME FOR FUNDING UNDER THE STATE OF IOWA'S CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT FUNDING.

BACKGROUND:

In order for The Bridge Home to receive their Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) funding as part of the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Application through the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the program year 2022/23, the Bridge Home must receive approval from the City. **As an Entitlement Community, the City must certify that Bridge Home program application matches the goals of the City's 2019-23 CBG Consolidated Plan.**

The Bridge Home is seeking to reapply for approximately \$276,984 in grant funds to continue to administer their PSH program that will cover the Two Rivers Service Area. The funds will be directed 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 these grant funds (\$138,492) will be used in Story County.

Staff has reviewed the application of The Bridge Home and finds that it is consistent with goals and priorities outlined in the City's CDBG 2019-2023 Five-year Consolidated Plan, which is to: "Reduce the cost burden for LMI households to access or maintain rental housing citywide".

The Plan also addresses the importance of having local non-profit organizations 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.

Attached for your review and approval is the Certificate of Consistency for The Bridge Home that must be submitted to the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Application for PSH funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of The Bridge Home to receive its Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) funding.
2. The City Council can deny approval authorizing the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of The Bridge Home to receive its Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) funding.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

As stated earlier, it is important to 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 & moderate income households in our community than can be accomplished with only local funding. The proposed programming is also consistent with the City's Consolidated Plan. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1.

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: 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

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: _____