

ITEM #: 11  
DATE: 09-24-24  
DEPT: P&H

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CERTIFICATE OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY'S 2024-2029 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN ON BEHALF OF THE BRIDGE HOME AND YSS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE STATE OF IOWA'S CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND:**

For the 2024-25 program year, The Bridge Home and YSS need City approval to continue receiving funding from the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Application through the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA). Their program applications must align with the City's goals in the current 2024-2029 Consolidated Plan to be approved.

The Bridge Home is seeking to renew its agreement with IFA for approximately \$288,296 in grant funds to continue administering its Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program that will cover the Ames/Story County Service Area. The PSH funds will be used to assist clients with rental assistance, client transportation, case management, other supportive services, and program administration. The Bridge Home anticipates 45% of these grant funds (\$129,733) will be used in Ames alone. The Bridge Home is also seeking additional state Permanent Supportive Housing Grant funds in the amount of \$406,000 to provide assistance to chronically homeless adults and families to cover housing costs, case management, and other supportive services at their newly constructed Hope and a Home Program facility in Ames, thereby 100% of the additional funds will be for Ames residents.

YSS is seeking to renew its agreement with IFA for approximately \$200,889 to continue administering their Youth Transition Housing Services Project for Transitional-Aged Youth (TAY) for pregnant and parenting individuals, specifically in the Two Rivers Region. This grant will continue to help fill a gap in funding for their participants who are single/parenting/pregnant youth in the region. YSS will have the only youth-focused programming in the balance of the state to meet their special population needs. Of the \$200,889, YSS anticipates that \$150,667 (75%) would be used in Ames/Story County.

As part of the goals and priorities outlined in the City's 2024-29 Consolidated Plan, one of the high-priority needs is to address and provide services to our homeless youth, homeless individuals and families, and other low-income household populations by reducing their cost burden to access housing and provide other essential services. The Plan also indicates the need for area human services agencies to apply for other state and federal funds to help cover the gap that CDBG and ASSET funds cannot cover.

Two Certificates of Consistency for The Bridge Home and one for YSS are attached for City Council review and approval. They must be submitted to the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Application for program funding by September 27, 2024.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency for The Bridge Home and YSS to receive Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Grant funding.
2. Do not authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of The Bridge Home and YSS to receive Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Grant funding.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**It is important 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, chronically homeless, and low-income households in our community that cannot be accomplished with only local funding. The proposed programming is also consistent with the City's 2024-29 CDBG Consolidated Plan.** It is therefore the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, as described above.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

[Certificate of Consistency-The Bridge Home.pdf](#)

[Certificate of Consistency-The Bridge Home--225 S. Kellogg.pdf](#)

[Certificate of Consistency-YSS.pdf](#)