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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE 2024-2028 CITY OF AMES
CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN ON BEHALF OF YSS FOR RENEWAL
FUNDING UNDER THE STATE OF IOWA EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS
GRANT (ESG) AND SHELTER ASSISTANCE FUND (SAF) PROGRAMS

BACKGROUND:

Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) receives funding from the State of Iowa through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Shelter Assistance Fund (SAF) programs, administered by the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA). For the 2026-27 program year, for YSS to continue to receive funding through these programs, YSS must have approval from the City, as an Entitlement Community, that its program applications match the goals of the City's current 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan.

YSS is seeking to renew its contract for \$80,000, of which approximately 10% (\$8,164) will be allocated to the City of Ames to continue administering its Youth Transitional Housing Services. These grant dollars will continue to help cover the cost of rent and utilities at four units in the City of Ames.

Staff has discussed and received information from YSS and finds that the request for renewal funding is consistent with goals and priorities outlined in the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2024-2028 Five-year Consolidated Plan, which is to: "Reduce the cost burden for low- and moderate- income (LMI) households to access or maintain rental housing city-wide".

The Plan also emphasizes the importance of local non-profit organizations seeking additional funding opportunities from state and federal resources to have a greater impact on the needs of homeless, chronically homeless, extremely low-, very low-, and low-to-moderate-income households.

Attached for the City Council's review and approval is the Certificate of Consistency for YSS, which must be submitted to the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Application for its renewed program funding before September 15.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of YSS to receive its Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Grant renewal funding for the ESG and SAF Programs.
2. Do not authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency.

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, chronic homeless, extremely low, very low, and low and moderate income households in the community than can be accomplished with only local funding. The proposed programming is also consistent with the City's 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1.

ATTACHMENT(S):

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