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### **COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

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

#### **BACKGROUND:**

For the program year 2026-27, for The Bridge Home (TBH) to continue to receive funding as part of the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Program through the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA), for ESG and SAF Renewal Applications, TBH 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.

TBH is seeking to apply for funding in the amount of \$394,098, as follows: Shelter Assistance - \$97,216; Street Outreach - \$50,000; and Rapid Rehousing- \$246,882. They anticipate that approximately \$230,657 (58%) will be allocated to Ames/Story County to continue administering the above programs. These grant dollars will continue to help cover the cost of basic shelter needs and housing.

Staff has discussed and received information from TBH and finds that the request for funding is consistent with goals and priorities outlined in the City's CDBG 2024-2028 Five-year Consolidated Plan, which is to: "Reduce the cost burden for LMI households to access or maintain rental housing citywide". 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 your review and approval is the Certificate of Consistency for TBH, which must be submitted to the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Application for this program.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The City Council can authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of The Bridge Home (TBH) to receive its Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Grant renewal funding for the ESG and SAF Programs.
2. The City Council can deny approval, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of The Bridge Home (TBH) to receive its Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Grant renewal funding for the ESG and SAF Programs.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

As stated earlier, 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 our community than can be accomplished with only local funding. The proposed programming is also consistent with the City's 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan.

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

[ESG SAF - Certification of Local Government Approval -Correct.pdf](#)