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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 HUD'S RAPID REHOUSING PROGRAM**

BACKGROUND:

Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) receives funding through the Rapid ReHousing program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). **The City of Ames, as a federal Entitlement Community, must certify annually that the application matches the goals of the City's current 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan.**

For the 2028 program year, YSS is seeking to renew its contract for \$229,449, of which approximately 75% (\$172,087) is anticipated to be utilized in the City of Ames to continue administering its Youth Transitional Housing Services. These grant dollars will continue to help cover rent and utilities for various units in the City of Ames.

Staff has received YSS' s application to renew its funding for this program. **Staff 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 includes "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 HUD for renewal of program funding, beginning in January 2028.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of YSS to receive HUD renewal funding for its Rapid Rehousing Program, beginning in January 2028.
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, chronically 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 No. 1.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[HUD Certification Form.pdf](#)