

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY'S 2014-2019 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN ON BEHALF THE ASSAULT CARE CENTER EXTENDING SHELTER AND SUPPORT (ACCESS),

BACKGROUND:

In order for the Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support (ACCESS), to apply for funding under the Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program, they are required to submit a "Certification of Local Government Approval" from the City of Ames. If they are awarded funding through this program, the certification allows these non-profit agencies to receive these federal funds directly through the State of Iowa's Iowa Finance Authority (IFA).

The ACCESS renewal funding application request is for approximately \$131,782 of which approximately \$67,515.14 is designated for Ames/Story County. ACCESS is in the process of preparing their 2020-21 Supportive Housing Program renewal application that will be submitted as part of the State of Iowa's Balance of State Continuum of Care Application on or by August 16, 2019.

Since Ames is a designated CDBG entitlement community, agencies requesting funding from HUD must have approval from the City that their program application matches the goals of the City's Consolidated Plan. Therefore, in order for ACCESS to submit its application to the State of Iowa, they must receive a certification (see attachment) from the City of Ames that their application is consistent with the goals outlined in the most current City's Consolidated Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of ACCESS.
2. The City Council can deny approval authorizing the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of ACCESS.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff has determined that the ACCESS program application is consistent with the goals outlined in the City's current CDBG 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1 which will authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of ACCESS to submit an application for Supportive Housing Program funding to the Iowa Finance Authority.



CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL
FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING IOWA STATEWIDE
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) FUNDS FOR SHELTER

ESG Nonprofit Recipient:	ACCESS-Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support
ESG Shelter Project:	ACCESS Shelter/Emergency Housing Program
Unit of General Purpose Local Government for the geographic area served (city or county):	City of Ames
Project Description (2-3 sentences):	ACCESS provides 14-16 beds of shelter through a scattered site model within the City of Ames. Additionally, ACCESS compliments shelter with rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention and essential community based support services.

I certify that I am duly authorized to act on behalf of the unit of general purpose local government named above, and that I hereby approve* of this project.

By: _____
Signature Date

Printed Name and Title of Signatory Local Official

* This approval is made to carry out 24 CFR Part 576.202(a), which states the following:
"...The recipient must subgrant the remaining funds in its fiscal year grant to:
(1) Units of general purpose local government in the State, which may include metropolitan cities and urban counties that receive ESG funds directly from HUD; or
(2) Private nonprofit organizations, provided that for emergency shelter activities the recipient obtains a certification of approval from the unit of general purpose local government for the geographic area in which those activities are to be carried out."

Iowa Statewide ESG Policy: This certification is required at least once every two years.

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