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SUBJECT—

Approval of 2003 Supportive Housing Program (SHP) Grant Agreement with HUD in support of Primary Health Care – Outreach Team.

SYNOPSIS—

Approval of 2003 SHP Grant Agreement by and between HUD and the City of Des Moines for supplemental funding for local homeless programs to address service gaps. The grant would enable Primary Health Care – Outreach Team to provide services targeting the chronically homeless population

FISCAL IMPACT—

This grant award totals \$170,000, which the Housing Services Department will administer. The City will retain \$4,077 (approximately 2.4 percent of the total grant award) of the grant funds for administrative costs.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

BACKGROUND—

On behalf of the City, the Housing Services Department submitted an application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for SHP funding to provide supplemental funding to address service gaps in local homeless programs in Des Moines and Polk County. As the applicant, the City is responsible for the overall management and administration of the grant, including drawdowns, fund distribution and reporting to HUD.

HUD has forwarded a new grant award of SHP funding totaling \$170,000, for a two year period from 2004 to 2006, which requires Council approval. The new grant award, will enable Primary Health Care – Outreach Team to provide case management and street outreach services targeting the chronically homeless population. This will address ending homelessness in our community and will help fill a gap in support services for this difficult to serve population.