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Date June 28, 2021

APPROVAL OF AMENDED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AGREEMENT WITH YOUTH AND SHELTER SERVICES (YSS), DOING BUSINESS AS IOWA HOMELESS YOUTH CENTERS (IHYC), FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 2705 E. EUCLID AVENUE

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-1730, the City Council approved the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, components of the City's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan are 1.) address homelessness, and 2.) neighborhood plan implementation, which is designed to provide funding to implement activities to further neighborhood revitalization efforts including the use of CDBG funding for acquisition of properties; and

WHEREAS, the use of CDBG funds by a nonprofit entity for infrastructure development—including street, water, parking, or other improvements to commercial sites—is an eligible activity when the activity meets a national objective of the CDBG Program by benefitting low- or moderate-income clientele, such as persons who are homeless; and

WHEREAS, the proposed IHYC Rooftop Gardens at 2705 E. Euclid Avenue will provide soft-skills support and workforce training to help homeless youth between the ages of 16 and 24 years old secure permanent employment; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2020, by Roll Call No. 20-0827, Council approved \$150,000 of CDBG funds which allowed YSS, an Iowa non-profit corporation doing business as IHYC, to acquire 2705 E. Euclid Avenue; and

WHEREAS, IHYC’s Rooftop Gardens development budget has increased from the initial development budget estimate submitted to the City in early 2020, and as a result, IHYC has requested additional CDBG funds to assist with infrastructure costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that:

1. The CDBG Agreement between the City of Des Moines and IHYC, in form on file in the office of the City Clerk, providing \$150,000 for acquisition of 2705 E. Euclid Avenue, is hereby amended to include an additional \$100,000 for infrastructure development;
2. The Neighborhood Services Department Director is authorized and directed to sign said amendment and related documents, and the Neighborhood Services Department staff is directed to record said Agreement and all related documents as applicable.



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- 3. The Neighborhood Services Director and his assignees are authorized and directed to administer the CDBG Agreement and related documents in accordance with the terms therein; to approve and execute minor amendments thereto; and to present substantive amendments to the City Council for consideration and approval.

(Council Communication No. 21- 287)

MOVED BY Gatto TO ADOPT

FORM APPROVED:

Judy K Parks-Kruse
Judy K. Parks-Kruse, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			
MOTION CARRIED				

J. M. Franklin Cownie
Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

P. Kay Cmelik

City Clerk