

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE 2014-19 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN ON BEHALF THE EMERGENCY RESIDENCE PROJECT (ERP)**

**BACKGROUND:**

In order for the Emergency Resident Project (ERP) to apply for funding under the Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program, it is required to submit a "Certification of Local Government Approval" from the City of Ames. This certification allows non-profit agencies to receive federal funds directly through the State of Iowa's Iowa Finance Authority (IFA).

The ERP renewal funding application request is for approximately \$162,747, all of which is designated for Ames/Story County. ERP is in the process of preparing its 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.** City staff has determined that the ERP program application is consistent with the goals outlined in the City's current CDBG 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of ERP.
2. Do not authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Consistency on behalf of ERP.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

City staff believes that the ERP program application is consistent with the goals outlined in the City's current CDBG 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan. Signing the Certificate of Consistency allows ERP to apply for federal funding for which it would otherwise be ineligible.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1 as described above.

**CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL**

**FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING IOWA STATEWIDE  
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) FUNDS FOR SHELTER**

ESG Nonprofit Recipient:	Shelter Housing Corporation dba Emergency Residence Project
ESG Shelter Project:	Emergency Residence Project
Unit of General Purpose Local Government for the geographic area served (city or county):	City of Ames
Project Description (2-3 sentences):	The Emergency Residence Project offers emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, and homelessness prevention. The agency is applying for funding for shelter operations, rapid re-housing, and a new street outreach initiative.

**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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