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Iowa Finance Authority Awards more than \$3.9 Million for Homelessness Assistance Initiatives

Fifty Iowa Agencies Receive Grant Funding to Support Homeless Programs

(DES MOINES) – The Iowa Finance Authority Board of Directors recently approved more than \$3.9 million in grants to assist 50 agencies with homelessness assistance initiatives during the 2019 calendar year.

The funding is made available through the federal Emergency Solutions Grant program and the state Shelter Assistance Fund. The Iowa Finance Authority conducted a combined competition for the two programs and applications were scored in several categories, including project design, experience and capacity, community partnerships, performance, budget and grants management.

“The homelessness assistance awards announced today will have a direct impact on thousands of Iowans in their time of need,” said Iowa Finance Authority Interim Executive Director Carolann Jensen. “Iowa’s homeless service professionals work tirelessly to help get Iowans back on their feet and into permanent housing and this funding will aid in those efforts.”

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

The primary purpose of the Emergency Solutions Grant program is to help Iowans and their families quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness. Examples of eligible services include rental and other emergency financial assistance, emergency shelter, case management and supportive services. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and by the Iowa Finance Authority in Iowa.

Twenty-seven agencies were awarded a total of more than \$2.47 million in Emergency Solutions Grant Program funds.

Shelter Assistance Fund

The Shelter Assistance Fund program provides assistance to help with the costs of operations of homeless and domestic violence shelters, essential services for the homeless and evaluation and reporting services.

Thirty-one agencies were awarded a total of more than \$1.47 million in Shelter Assistance Fund grants.

The Iowa Legislature created the Iowa Finance Authority, the state’s housing finance agency, in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low- and moderate-income Iowans. Since then, the Iowa Finance Authority’s role has grown to include nearly 40 affordable housing, water quality and agricultural development programs. The Iowa Finance Authority is a self-supporting public agency.

Iowa Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Shelter Assistance Fund (SAF)

2019 Calendar Year Awards

Provider Name	County (Home Location)	Emergency Solutions Grant Award	Shelter Assistance Fund Grant Award
Area Substance Abuse Council	Linn	N/A	\$27,266
Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support (ACCESS)	Story	\$100,456	N/A
Beacon of Life	Polk	N/A	\$25,245
Catherine McAuley Center	Linn	N/A	17500
Catholic Charities	Polk	N/A	\$49,216
Cedar Valley Friends of the Family	Bremer	\$122,553	N/A
Center for Siouxland	Woodbury	N/A	\$39,250
Central Iowa Shelter & Services	Polk	\$86,858	\$78,142
Children & Families of Iowa	Polk	\$29,085	\$36,690
City of Sioux City	Woodbury	\$38,250	N/A
Community Action Agency of Siouxland	Woodbury	\$54,751	N/A
Community Action of Southeast Iowa	Des Moines	\$52,000	N/A
Community Kitchen of North Iowa, Inc.	Cerro Gordo	N/A	\$20,760
Council on Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence	Woodbury	N/A	\$56,260
Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center	Dallas	\$104,059	N/A
Crisis Intervention Services	Mahaska	N/A	\$33,271
Domestic/Sexual Assault Outreach Center	Webster	N/A	\$37,750
Domestic Violence Intervention Program	Johnson	\$84,752	\$69,879
Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA	Dubuque	N/A	\$40,185
East Central Development Corporation	Dubuque	\$164,600	N/A
Family Crisis Centers	Sioux	\$68,132	N/A
Family Promise of Greater Des Moines	Polk	N/A	\$21,408
Family Resources, Inc.	Scott	\$70,276	\$90,111
Fort Dodge Housing Agency	Webster	N/A	\$15,500
Foundation 2, Inc.	Linn	N/A	\$17,091
Hawkeye Area Community Action Program	Linn	\$139,500	N/A
Hawthorn Hill	Polk	N/A	\$33,440
Heartland Family Services	Pottawattamie	\$178,224	N/A
Home Opportunities Made Easy (HOME)	Polk	\$45,500	N/A
Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.	Scott	N/A	\$119,079
Iowa Legal Aid	Polk	\$80,900	N/A
MICAH House	Pottawattamie	N/A	\$84,000

Provider Name	County (Home Location)	Emergency Solutions Grant Award	Shelter Assistance Fund Grant Award
Muscatine Center for Social Action	Muscatine	\$64,746	\$69,268
New Visions Homeless Services	Pottawattamie	N/A	\$111,500
NIAD Center for Human Development	Cerro Gordo	\$76,500	\$22,403
Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless	Cerro Gordo	N/A	N/A
Opening Doors	Dubuque	N/A	\$46,162
Pathway Living Center, Inc.	Clinton	N/A	\$15,440
Shelter House Community Shelter and Transition Services	Johnson	\$73,136	\$109,864
Shelter Housing Corporation	Story	\$66,647	\$43,904
Shesler Hall	Woodbury	N/A	\$15,020
The Salvation Army	Scott	\$80,250	N/A
The Salvation Army of Waterloo/Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	N/A	\$59,661
Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.	Palo Alto	\$158,400	N/A
Waypoint Services	Linn	\$179,000	N/A
West Des Moines Human Services	Polk	\$38,750	N/A
Willis Dady Emergency Shelter	Linn	\$128,824	\$52,176
Youth & Shelter Services (YSS)	Story	\$58,167	N/A
Youth Emergency Services & Shelter	Polk	N/A	\$16,040
YWCA Clinton	Clinton	\$130,500	N/A
		\$2,474,816	\$1,473,481

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