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Iowa Finance Authority Awards more than \$730,000 in Grants for Homelessness Services in Iowa

Forty-nine Iowa counties to benefit from homeless services assistance

DES MOINES – The Iowa Finance Authority Board of Directors today announced grant awards of \$730,680 to 16 homeless and domestic violence shelters to assist with costs associated with providing essential services and emergency shelter operations. The funding is made available through the state-funded Shelter Assistance Fund program.

“The Iowa Finance Authority is proud to support homeless and domestic violence shelters in their work serving some of Iowa’s most vulnerable citizens,” said Iowa Finance Authority Executive Director Dave Jamison. “The grants announced today will allow these Iowa agencies to continue providing shelter services to Iowans in need.”

Shelter Assistance Fund applications are accepted on an annual basis and are judged through a competitive process. The Iowa Finance Authority received 19 eligible applications for the 2017 round requesting approximately \$900,000 in funding. The program is funded with proceeds from the Real Estate Transfer Tax.

A panel of judges scored the applications based on criteria in several categories, including: project design, experience and capacity, community partnerships, performance, budget and grants management and competition priorities.

The Iowa Council on Homelessness reports that 17,301 Iowans experienced homelessness or were at-risk of homelessness in 2015.

The Iowa Legislature created the Iowa Finance Authority 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 beginning farmer programs. The Iowa Finance Authority is a self-supporting public agency whose mission is to enhance the quality of life for Iowans.

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Projects awarded Shelter Assistance Fund awards: (Listed by home location)

Ames

Shelter Housing Corporation/Emergency Residence Project

Award: \$49,375

Contact: Carrie Dunnwald, 515-232-8075

Cedar Rapids

Foundation 2, Inc.

Award: \$50,000

Contact: Emily Blomme, 319-362-1170

Clinton

Pathway Living Center, Inc.

Award: \$50,000

Contact: Melissa Peterson, 563-242-3687

Council Bluffs

New Visions Homeless Services

Award: \$47,500

Contact: Brandy Waller, 712-322-7570

Davenport

Family Resources, Inc.

Award: \$50,000

Contact: Mary Macumber Schmidt 866-921-3354

Des Moines

Beacon of Life

Award: \$38,000

Contact: Keshia Meissner, 515-244-4713

Catholic Council for Social Concern, Inc. (Catholic Charities)

Award: \$50,000

Contact: Nancy Galeazzi, 515-244-3761

Family Promise of Greater Des Moines

Award: \$20,000

Contact: Jim Cain, 515-277-7051

Youth Emergency Services & Shelter

Award: \$50,000

Contact: Stephen Quirk, 515-243-7825

Dubuque

Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA

Award: \$47,500

Contact: Sharon Covey, 563-556-1100

Opening Doors

Award: \$47,500

Contact: Michelle Brown, 563-582-7480

Fort Dodge

Fort Dodge Housing Agency

Award: \$45,175

Contact: Celia Taylor, 515-573-7751

Mason City

Community Kitchen of North Iowa, Inc.

Award: \$43,130

Contact: Amanda Ragan, 641-424-2316

Muscatine

Muscatine Center for Social Action

Award: \$47,500

Contact: Maggie Curry, 563-264-3278

Sioux City

Council on Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence

Award: \$47,500

Contact: Margaret Sanders, 712-277-0131

Waterloo/Cedar Falls

The Salvation Army Waterloo/Cedar Falls

Award: \$47,500

Contact: Maj. Harold Poff, 319-235-9358

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