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Certification of Local Government Emergency Shelter Grant Application (B)

This agenda item approves the execution of a certification of local government requested by the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, Inc. for an application for Emergency Shelter Grant Prevention funding.

The Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, Inc. (ACCHH) has submitted an application for funding under the Florida Department of Children and Families Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Prevention program. If awarded, ACCHH will use the funds to provide financial assistance to families and individuals for payment of security deposits, utility deposits, first month's rent, and other eviction prevention assistance. Local agencies that are actively participating in the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and providing case management services to their clients will be eligible to refer consumers for these program benefits. It is anticipated that approximately 75 households will receive aid from this program, which will be administered through a subcontract with the Alachua County Housing Authority.

The ESG application requires the inclusion of a "certification of local government" based on the project location - in this case, the City of Gainesville. By signing the certification, the local government is certifying that it does not object to the application being submitted for ESG funds.

Due to the January 3, 2007, application deadline, the City Manager has signed the certification of local government on behalf of the City. Given that prevention is a key element in addressing the problem of homelessness in our community, staff believes that the application submitted by ACCHH is consistent with the goals of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

There is no fiscal impact on the City's budget. If awarded, funding will be provided through the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Recommended Motion: The City Commission approve the City Manager's execution of a certification of local government for the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, Inc. application for Emergency Shelter Grant - Prevention funds through the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Alternative Recommendation A: The City Commission disapprove the execution of the certification of local government.

