

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: MSHDA Certifications of Local Approval

Manager's Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Certifications of Local Approval for several local agencies, which provides assistance to the homeless in Saginaw. In the future, the Mayor may be required to sign additional certificates related to the programs to fulfill MSHDA requirements. Therefore, it is requested that the Mayor be given blanket authorization to sign future certificates for local agencies to receive grants from MSHDA until June 30, 2009.

Justification:

There are several homeless programs throughout the City of Saginaw sponsored by local community organizations. The agencies include, but are not limited to: the Emmaus House, Homes from Heaven, Restoration Community Outreach, Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority, Saginaw County Youth Protection Council and the Underground Railroad. However, in order for the groups to receive federal grants, the agencies must obtain signed Certifications of Local Approval from the Mayor to submit to MSHDA.

Council Action:

Council _____ moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.