

## EXHIBIT A

### City Steps 2025 Substantial Amendment May 10, 2022

The City offers funding for agencies providing public services to low-income residents of Iowa City through the Aid to Agencies program. Applications for Legacy Agency funding are accepted on a two-year cycle through the United Way Community Impact Funding Process. The majority of the funding is local, while around 20 percent comes from federal CDBG dollars. Agencies eligible to apply for Legacy Agencies funds are listed in the City's consolidated plan, *City Steps 2025*. The City limits the pool of eligible agencies in order to ensure funding stability for a core group of service providers in Iowa City.

The City received a request from a local agency to be considered for Legacy Agency status and the request was brought to the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) in November of 2021. In the interest of fairness, HCDC requested that staff open an application window for eligible agencies to apply for Legacy Status. The Commission determined that eligibility for Legacy Agency status would be limited to previous recipients of Emerging Aid to Agency funds (funds set aside for newer agencies or those not listed as Legacy Agencies). Five applications for Legacy Agency Status were received and reviewed by HCDC in January of 2022 and three were recommended to City Council for inclusion in *City Steps 2025* – Center for Worker Justice, Dream City, and Houses into Homes. Inclusion in *City Step 2025* is not a guarantee of funding, but would allow the new agencies to apply for funds.

The City Council will consider this recommendation on June 21, 2022 following a 30-day public comment period and an amendment will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development subject to City Council approval.

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## Proposed Amendment

In 2019, the City modified its Aid to Agencies (A2A) process in July 2019 with the approval of the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC). Based on feedback received during that process, the City sought to return the program to its original intent of providing a stable funding source for human service agencies serving LMI residents based on the funding priorities set in the Consolidated Plan for public service agencies. To ensure stability of funding, this plan will identify and limit A2A applicants to a core group of service providers as follows:

- 4Cs: Community Coordinated Child Care
- Arc of Southeast Iowa
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County
- **Center for Worker Justice**
- CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank
- Domestic Violence Intervention Program
- **Dream City/The Dream Center**
- Free Lunch Program
- Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
- Horizons, A Family Service Alliance
- **Houses into Homes**
- Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County
- Inside Out Reentry Community
- Iowa City Free Medical Clinic/Dick Parrott Free Dental Clinic
- Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity
- Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County
- Pathways Adult Day Health Center/Aging Services, Inc.
- Prelude Behavioral Services
- Rape Victim Advocacy Program
- Shelter House
- Table to Table
- United Action for Youth

Currently, these “Legacy” agencies are funded through City FY21. Beginning with City FY22, the agencies identified above will be the only agencies allowed to competitively apply for Legacy Aid to Agencies funds, comprised of both local and federal sources. Applications will be for a two-year cycle, and funding amounts will be based on identified priorities, history of funding, outcomes, and capacity. This process provides for stable funding for agencies with demonstrated capacity to effectively utilize A2A dollars. The priorities and agencies allowed to apply will be reevaluated with each new Consolidated Plan to address changing priorities or gaps of service as identified in the plan.

## **Public Comments Received with Staff Responses**

A 30-day public comment period for the substantial amendment will be held from May 20, 2022 to June 21, 2022. The City Council will hold a public meeting on June 21, 2022.

### **Comments Received:**

TBD

### **Staff Response:**

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