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\$10 MILLION AWARDED IN I-JOBS FUNDING FOR HOUSING AND SHELTER SERVICES

16 public shelters receive funds to improve services and capacity

(DES MOINES) – Today Governor Culver and First Lady Mari Culver announced that 16 public shelters have been awarded a total of nearly \$10 million in I-JOBS funds for shelter renovation and construction through the Public Service Shelter Grant Fund (PSSG).

The Culvers made the announcements at two shelters that will benefit from the funds. Governor Culver stopped at the Willis Dady Emergency Shelter in Cedar Rapids and First Lady Mari Culver visited St. Joseph's Emergency Family Shelter in Des Moines.

"As long as there is one family in need of the services shelters provide, then our work simply must continue," said Governor Culver. "That is why I am pleased to be here today and announce nearly \$10 million for 16 shelters statewide. This will ensure that families will have improved access to the services they need, in safe, secure, and modern facilities, and at the same time, help create jobs all across the state."

PSSG includes \$10 million in revenue bonds for the construction or renovation of public shelters, including family and domestic violence, emergency and homeless shelters. The program is administered by the Iowa Finance Authority.

Last year, more than 17,000 people sought help at Iowa's shelters. Nearly 8,000 of these clients were members of families, and close to 40% of them were children.

"I believe it's our duty to help to provide safe, quality housing to people who need our help," said First Lady Mari Culver. "Behind the facts and figures related to today's economic challenges are people – people with unmet needs in terms of housing and shelter services. As First Lady of Iowa, I've been fortunate to see the work so many Iowans do in service to our most vulnerable citizens. I-JOBS funds will play an invaluable role in meeting our state's unmet needs, and help us build a stronger, safer future for everyone."

A total of 41 applications were submitted for more than \$13.6 million. Of the applicants, 16 shelters were awarded nearly \$10 million, including funding for three new facilities and 13 renovation projects.

New construction projects were eligible for 50% of the total project cost with a maximum award of \$4 million. Renovation projects were eligible for 100% of the project cost up to \$250,000 and 50% of project costs above that amount, up to a maximum award of \$3 million.

The Culver/Judge I-JOBS program will invest a total of \$830 million over the next two years to create and retain jobs, strengthen the economy, recover from last year's natural disasters, and improve Iowa's infrastructure. The funds will be used to upgrade Iowa's roads and bridges, invest in renewable energy projects, improve water quality, and upgrade public facilities such as the Iowa Veterans Home. I-JOBS is funded with existing gaming revenue, meaning no increase in taxes. Additional information on the Culver/Judge I-JOBS initiative is available at www.ijobsiowa.gov.

I-JOBS Public Service Shelter Grant Awards					
Project Name	City	Occupancy Type	Project Type	Total Project Cost	PSSG Funds Awarded
Central Iowa Shelter and Services	Des Moines	Homeless Shelter	New Construction	\$8,338,000	\$4,000,000
Shelter House	Iowa City	Homeless Shelter	New Construction	\$5,329,764	\$2,664,882
Family Crisis Centers of NW Iowa	Sioux Center	Domestic Violence Shelter	New Construction	\$1,075,000	\$580,000
Muscatine Center for Social Action	Muscatine	Homeless Shelter	Renovation	\$322,000	\$286,000
Opening Doors - Teresa Shelter	Dubuque	Homeless Shelter	Renovation	\$245,368	\$245,368
Francis Lauer Youth Services	Mason City	Homeless Shelter	Renovation	\$140,000	\$140,000
St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter	Des Moines	Homeless Shelter	Renovation	\$450,000	\$350,000
Willis Dady Emergency Shelter	Cedar Rapids	Homeless Shelter	Renovation	\$349,600	\$299,800
Cedar Valley Friends of the Family	Waverly	Domestic Violence Shelter	Renovation	\$283,331	\$266,666
First United Methodist Church - Boone County Homeless Prevention Board	Boone	Homeless Shelter	Renovation	\$227,640	\$227,640
Youth Emergency Services and Shelter	Des Moines	Homeless Shelter	Renovation	\$248,609	\$248,609
Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.	Davenport	Homeless Shelter	Renovation	\$164,100	\$164,100
YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter	Burlington	Domestic Violence Shelter	Renovation	\$62,297	\$58,221
Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless	Mason City	Homeless Shelter	Renovation	\$200,000	\$200,000
Dubuque Community YWCA Domestic Violence Program	Dubuque	Domestic Violence Shelter	Renovation	\$164,609	\$164,609
NIAD Center for Human Development	Mason City	Domestic Violence Shelter	Renovation	\$96,500	\$96,500
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