



Memorandum

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TO: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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TITLE:

2025-2026 Human Services Funding Update

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff will provide an update on the human services funding application process, the proposed 2025-2026 budget and use of opiate settlement funding, and upcoming contracting changes.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information Provide Direction Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Comprehensive Plan Human Services Element policy HS-1: Support the provision of a continuum of human services, from preventive to remedial, focused on ensuring that residents are able to be self-sufficient, contributing members of the community.

Human Services Strategic Plan priority are 1: Support community members to navigate daily life through multiple, on-going crises so that our community can move forward together.

- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
November 14, 2023
- **Other Key Facts:**

Application Process:

Application Process:

Redmond and 15 other cities in North, East, and South King County run a common application process, [share1app <https://www.redmond.gov/1000/Application-Process>](https://www.redmond.gov/1000/Application-Process), for programs seeking human services funding. The grant application was open from March 4 through April 8, 2024. Redmond received 128 requests for funding totaling over \$5.4M per year. The Redmond Human Services Commission's funding priorities are outlined in Attachment A. In addition, staff contracted with Communities Rise to facilitate joint equity training for the human services commissions of Redmond, Issaquah, Kirkland, and Sammamish.

Budget:

The proposed two-year budget for human services funding is \$5,185,509 or an average of almost \$2.6M/year. This includes transfer of opiate settlement funds, which will need to be allocated to programs that meet approved abatement strategies (Attachment B). Staff has identified programs that fit these criteria. At the June 11th FAC meeting, Council requested additional information. Staff has provided responses to these questions in the attached Issues Matrix.

Pooled Contracts:

The City of Bellevue has notified North and East King County staff that by the end of 2024, they will no longer administer pooled contracts. The City Kirkland has agreed to oversee pooled contracts beginning in 2025 to support continued city and agency efficiencies. We expect to route a new interlocal agreement later this year.

OUTCOMES:

The Human Services Commission has begun reviewing applications and will be meeting semi-monthly through September. Commissioners will use an equity framework to review proposals. The Commission will present their funding recommendations to Council at the October 22, 2024, study session as part of the 2025-26 biennial budget process.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

September 2023 through March 2024

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

The Human Services Funding Collaborative hosted four informational workshops, both virtual and in person, with over 400 attendees registered. Redmond staff held one-on-one meetings with 20 organizations explaining the funding process, priorities, and providing technical assistance. Staff outreached directly to seven BIPOC and grassroots agencies previously unfunded by the City of Redmond to inform them of the upcoming funding cycle, other funding opportunities, and offer assistance if needed.

- **Feedback Summary:**

The increase in number of applications was in part due to dedicated efforts by city staff to outreach to traditionally marginalized, smaller grassroots and other organizations. The number of programs applying for funding increased from to 104 in the last biennium to 128. This included 33 programs that had never applied before. The City received applications from 7 new organizations that serve the African, Brazilian, LGBTQ, and other multicultural communities.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

Estimated 2025-2026 budget is \$5,185,509.

Approved in current biennial budget: Yes No N/A

Budget Offer Number:

TBD

Budget Priority:

Vibrant and Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs: Yes No N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

General Fund
Opiate Settlement Funding

Budget/Funding Constraints:

One-time federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will no longer be available in 2025.

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
11/21/2023	Study Session	Receive Information
6/11/2024	Committee of the Whole - Finance, Administration, and Communications	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/22/2024	Study Session	Receive Information

Time Constraints:

Funding recommendations will come to Council on October 22, 2024, to ensure timely adoption as a component of the

City budget.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Redmond Human Services Information Sheet

Attachment B: Opiate Abatement Strategies

Attachment C: Issues Matrix