



## Memorandum

**Date:** 11/14/2023  
**Meeting of:** City Council Study Session

**File No.** SS 23-065  
**Type:** Study Session

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney  
**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):**

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| Planning and Community Development | Brooke Buckingham | Human Services Manager |
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**TITLE:**

Joint Meeting with Human Services Commission

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

The Human Services Commission has worked with staff over the last several months researching the perceived need in the community for increased services, the past method of allocating funding for human services grants, ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as equity issues around the funding process. The Human Services Commission will present some of these findings to Council. Recommendations for potential changes to the City's Human Services Fund will be evaluated as part of the City's budgeting by priorities process.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

☒ **Receive Information**      ☐ **Provide Direction**      ☐ **Approve**

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
Human Services Strategic Plan
- **Required:**  
N/A
- **Council Request:**  
Council requested follow-up funding analysis at the last joint meeting held on October 11, 2022.
- **Other Key Facts:**  
Per RMC 4.30.020, the commission's work shall be governed by the adopted strategies within the Human Services Strategic Plan. The commission shall advise the City council as to changes or refinements to these

strategies as needed.

**OUTCOMES:**

The Commission hopes to share information regarding the human services funding landscape, the challenges in trying to address identified service needs, and Redmond's role in supporting providers.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
January through October 2023
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
Human Services Commission
- **Feedback Summary:**  
PowerPoint summarizes the feedback

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**

To be determined during the biennial budget development process in 2024.

**Approved in current biennial budget:** ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

**Budget Offer Number:**

000248 from 2023-24 biennium

**Budget Priority:**

Vibrant and Connected

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

***If yes, explain:***

Any change in the per capita funding formula will impact other areas of the city budget. As a result, consideration of changes to the per capita funding formula must be evaluated through the budgeting for priorities process that takes into account citywide resource needs.

**Funding source(s):**

General Fund

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

Any decision on funding changes would be incorporated into the 2025-26 biennial budget.

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

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| N/A  | Item has not been presented to Council | N/A              |

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

| Date | Meeting                    | Requested Action |
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| N/A  | None proposed at this time | N/A              |

**Time Constraints:**

N/A

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Human Services Funding Presentation