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Approximate Funding Available

We anticipate approximately \$1.8 million in available funds per year. Please note that this is about 72% of what we awarded in 2023-2024 due to end of one-time federal funding.

Application Assistance

The Human Services Commission is excited to welcome new applicants to the process. If this is the first time that you are applying, we *strongly* recommend reaching out to City of Redmond staff to discuss your proposal as soon as possible. Staff are available and happy to help with any questions related to the City's process and/or answer questions you may have about the content of the application.

Though funding is limited, we do encourage all applicants to submit funding requests that will fully support the services proposed. Please direct requests to Alaric Bien at abien@redmond.gov 425-556-2458.

<u>share1app.org</u> is the online portal for the Human Services Funding Collaborative and where all information about the application, required forms, video tutorials, sample application questions, and reporting can be located.

Application Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by the City of Redmond <u>Human Services Commission</u>, a 7-member volunteer board appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Commission recommendations are expected by September, with consideration by City Council planned for October. Final allocation amounts will be approved and adopted as part of the overall City budget. City of Redmond staff will notify agencies of final allocations following City Council approval, which is expected by early December. Awarded funds will be available January 1, 2025, which is the start of the fiscal and program year.

CITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND PRIORITIES

Please refer to the <u>city minimum requirements chart</u> for detailed information. Due to the cost associated with administering contracts, the City encourages programs to request a minimum of \$10,000. If your request is less than \$10,000, please contact staff to discuss.

The City of Redmond recognizes the need to support programs that meet the broad continuum of human service needs and welcomes applications from agencies that provide such services to Redmond residents. The Commission acknowledges that not all residents have the equitable access to opportunities and that there are disproportionate impacts due to one's race and ethnicity. In addition, the intersection of race and ethnicity with other factors such as gender, class, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, and others can amplify these impacts on individuals and communities.

Proposals will be reviewed and considered with the following priorities at the forefront of our decision-making:

- **Commitment to Equity:** An organization's commitment to equity, inclusion, and diversity through its mission, outreach, and the accessibility and delivery of its services should be clearly articulated in the narrative.
- Community-Led and Informed Work: We seek to support community-led and community-informed organizations and programs that are reflective of and embedded in the communities they serve across all aspects of their leadership, service, and engagement.
- Traditionally Underrepresented Organizations: The Commission is interested in prioritizing support for smaller, grassroots organizations. This could include programs with smaller budgets or limited funding sources.
- Alignment with Strategic Plan Priorities: Based on our Strategic Plan, we recognize that Redmond residents are experiencing challenges such as housing affordability, food insecurity and basic needs, mental health, and accessing culturally and linguistically relevant services. Given our finite resources, we will prioritize programs that provide services that address these challenges.
- Addressing barriers to accessing services: Programs that increase knowledge of available services and mitigate factors and stigmas that prevent individuals from using and receiving these services.