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### **Approximate Funding Available**

We anticipate approximately \$2.6 million in available funds per year, which is similar to the amount allocated in the current biennium. This includes approximately \$35,000 in Community Development Block grant funds and a portion of funds dedicated to addressing the opiate crisis.

### **Application Assistance**

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. If this is the first time that your agency is applying and/or if the request is for under \$10,000, we **strongly encourage** you to meet with City of Redmond staff to discuss your proposal. Not meeting with staff may make your proposal less competitive. Please direct requests to Alaric Bien at [abien@redmond.gov](mailto:abien@redmond.gov) or 425-556-2458.

### **Application Review Process**

The City of Redmond [Human Services Commission](#) reviews applications and makes recommendations to City Council. Draft recommendations will be shared with applicants prior to being presented to Council in 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, 2027, which is the start of the fiscal and program year.

### **City-Specific Requirements and Priorities**

Please refer to the [city minimum requirements chart](#) for detailed information for the City of Redmond. The City recognizes the need to support programs that meet the broad continuum of human service needs and encourages applications from agencies that provide such services to Redmond residents. The Commission acknowledges that not all residents have equitable access to opportunities and that disproportionate impacts can arise based on identity, such as race, ethnicity, gender, class, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability,

and immigration status, which may further amplify challenges for individuals and communities.

### **Values**

As such, the Commission will consider how well each proposal demonstrates alignment with the following values.

- Commitment to equity, inclusion, diversity, and belonging
- Improving access and addressing barriers to service
- Recognition of the long-term benefits of preventive programs

### **Funding Priorities**

Because available funds are limited, the Commission will prioritize investments that align with the goals outlined in the Human Services Strategic Plan, which identifies the following areas of need.

- Housing stability and shelter
- Food insecurity and basic needs
- Behavioral Health Services
- Programs that are reflective of and embedded in their communities

The City is not able to backfill federal and state funding cuts, and we recognize that the need greatly outstrips available local resources. Though funding is limited, we do encourage all applicants to submit funding requests that will fully support the services proposed. Preference may be given to applicants for whom City funding represents a meaningful portion of their ability to operate or expand services.