



Memorandum

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

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

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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TITLE:

2027-2028 Human Services Funding Update

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff will provide an update on the 2027-2028 human services funding application process.

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 Area 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:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
Application:

Redmond and 16 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 2 through April 6, 2026. Redmond received 149 requests for funding totaling over \$8M 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 \$6,811,312 or an average of about \$3.4M/year. This includes an estimated \$40,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds, and \$300,000 in opiate settlement funds, which will need to be allocated to programs that meet approved abatement strategies (Attachment B).

OUTCOMES:

The Human Services Commission will begin reviewing applications and 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 27, 2026, study session as part of the 2027-28 biennial budget process.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
September 2025 through March 2026
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
The Human Services Funding Collaborative hosted four informational workshops, both virtual and in person, with over 400 attendees registered. All workshops were conducted primarily by City of Redmond staff. In addition, staff held one-on-one meetings with 15 organizations explaining the funding process, priorities, and providing technical assistance. The presentations were also recorded and posted to the share1app [website <http://www.redmond.gov/1000>](http://www.redmond.gov/1000) and [YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@share1appquestions>](https://www.youtube.com/@share1appquestions).
- **Feedback Summary:**
Feedback from attendees of both the general informational workshops for new applicants and application workshops was very positive. Many individuals expressed appreciation for the clear and concise presentation of information.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

Estimated 2027-28 budget is \$6,811,312

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, Community Development Block Grant, Opiate Settlement Funding

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/27/2026	Study Session	Provide Direction

Time Constraints:

Funding recommendations will come to Council on October 27, 2026, 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