



Memorandum

Date: 2/2/2021

Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Parks and Human Services

File No. CM 21-030

Type: Committee Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole - Parks and Human Services

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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TITLE:

One-time Council Award Update

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff will share an update on the one-time funding awarded to human services in the 2021-22 budget.

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

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information**

☐ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Comprehensive Plan - Human Services Element
<<https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/15166/2021-2022-Preliminary-Budget-PDF>>

- **Required:**

N/A

- **Council Request:**

N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**

On October 27, 2020, the Human Services Commission presented its funding recommendation to the City Council for inclusion in the budget. A total of 66 programs were funded at a cost of \$1,608,275/year. The Human Services Funding recommendations prioritized human services needs and noted that if additional funding were available it should be dedicated to homelessness, basic needs and mental health services that are especially critical during the pandemic.

The recent budget adoption included additional one-time funding of \$2.5 million for human services to be equitably allocated to critical needs serving the community's most vulnerable populations. Human Services staff has worked Finance staff and one-time funds have been identified to support services for individuals experiencing homelessness and for mental health agencies to help combat the ongoing effects of the pandemic. Allocation of the balance of the human services funds is contingent on the final reconciliation of 2019-2020

budget fund balance.

OUTCOMES:

On January 11, 2021, the Human Services reaffirmed its previously agreed upon funding principles (Attachment A) and approved a plan for allocating \$408,243 in one-time funding. This additional funding will support subregional shelter and day center operations in 2021 and fully cover behavioral health programs for the biennium. More details are included in Attachment B.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
\$408,243

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

Budget Offer Number:
Budget Offer 000248, Housing and Human Services.
Budget Priority:
Vibrant and Connected

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

If yes, explain:

Because funds are not guaranteed beyond 2021-2022, it can be challenging for agencies to use one-time funding in support of program staffing or operational costs.

Funding source(s):
019 Fund

Budget/Funding Constraints:

The allocation of funding is to be identified by recommendation of the Human Services Commission and staff based on funding availability and staff capacity.

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

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N/A	This item has not been presented to Council	N/A
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Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

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

Time Constraints:

The Finance Department will determine the amount of available funding no later than April 2021. Because contracts are still being negotiated, this recently approved award will be incorporated, and service expectations will be adjusted as needed.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Funding Guiding Principles

Attachment B: One-time Funding Allocation