

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: May 2, 2023

TO: Human Services Commissioners

FROM: Toni Esparza, Assistant Director
Parks & Community Services

SUBJECT: Human Services Strategic Plan

Staff will provide an informational presentation to the Human Services Commission on an upcoming process to develop the city's first Human Services Strategic Plan.

Background

The City has prioritized understanding the needs of the community via the execution of a biennial Human Services Needs Update, the Diversity Advantage Initiative, and the Affordable Housing Strategy. The City has only increased its commitment and role as a funder of human services in the last four decades. However, within the City's identified role as a planner, the City has not developed a Human Services Strategic Plan (hereafter "Plan") to ensure that the City is most effectively and strategically addressing human services needs. Developing a Plan would be in line with the City's practice of adopting strategic plans in other areas addressing the needs of the community, such as diversity and affordable housing. A Plan would strengthen the proactive approach of the City of Bellevue to human services and include intentionally diverse voices from the community, especially consumers of human services. This Plan will ensure that Bellevue residents can access resources to meet their basic and most critical needs by providing clear direction for the city's human services work moving forward and a road map for success.