

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: May 20, 2024

TO: Human Services Commission Members

FROM: Ruth Blaw, Human Services Manager
Parks & Community Services

SUBJECT: Special Meeting--Equity in Funding Training

The Human Services 2024 Equity in Funding training will occur at the Crossroads Community Center. Participants will include human services commissioners, core human services staff, and community members selected for reviewing applications for 2025-2026 funding.

Background

In alignment with the city's Human Services Strategic Plan, community members from the Bellevue Diversity Advantage Network, Centering Communities of Color Initiative, and the YouthLink Board were invited to review applications with the Human Services Commission. In preparation for that work, the commissioners, in conjunction with five representatives from those groups, will participate in an Equity in Funding training.

Dr. Ralina Joseph, a professor at the University of Washington and the founding and acting director of the University of Washington's Center for Communication, Difference, and Equity will provide training in strategies for making equitable funding recommendations.

There will be no remote/hybrid option for this meeting.