

Human Services Commission Recommendation Guiding Principles

General Guidance

Council and emerging priorities:

Youth, immigrants and refugees support

Other guidance:

Protect core funding for returning agencies in good standing.

For agencies with multiple applications, prioritize impactful and existing programs over partial funding and new programs.

New programs must meet an emerging or critical need.

Deeper funding of requests is preferred over partial funding of requests.

Specific Policy Guidance

Human Services Strategic plan:

Expand equity-focused and data-driven decision-making that best addresses the most significant community needs, prioritizing investments in the areas of greatest disparities.

Expand access for Bellevue residents to culturally and linguistically specific human services.

Council Strategic Target Area:

6.1 Advance Bellevue as a community in which each and every member has access and opportunity to meet their essential physical and behavioral health, economic, recreational, and social needs, feels a sense of belonging, and has an opportunity to thrive.

Council Priorities:

Priority #11: In alignment with the Human Services Strategic Plan, support human services programs to meet community needs and increase equitable access and outcomes.

Priority #12: Support programs related to homelessness prevention and programs that help quickly house individuals experiencing homelessness.

2025 Needs Update Priorities:

Food, Shelter, Financial Assistance