

Human Services Commission Recommendation Guiding Principles

General Guidance

Council and emerging priorities:

- Youth, immigrants and refugees supports

Other guidance:

- Protect core funding for returning agencies in good standing.
- For agencies with multiple applications, prioritize meaningful 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
- Completed applications are prioritized over incomplete.

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