

**Council Priority Known Items**

In April 2016, the Council adopted new 2-year priorities for 2016 and 2017 based on the Vision and Strategic Target Areas adopted in May 2014. The 2017-2018 preliminary budget makes headway into funding and implementing the priorities. Included in the Council priorities were two requests for staff to bring forward budget proposals in the 2017-2018 budget for Council consideration. The requests include bringing forward a concept for a multicultural center, and supporting Eastside Pathways. This attachment responds to that request.

Staff seeks direction on these proposals and appropriate funding source, if approved, on November 28 for a tentative adoption date of December 5. Staff will provide additional information for further council consideration and discussion as requested.

<b>Council Priority</b>	<b>Potentiating Funding Source</b>	<b>How Much</b>	<b>What</b>
Multi-Cultural Feasibility Study	CIP	\$150,000 one-time	<b>Council Priority #18:</b> “Implement the Diversity Plan and bring forward a concept for a multi-cultural center to the Council for consideration for inclusion in the 2017/2018 budget”
Eastside Pathways	General Fund	\$200,000 /Year	<b>Council Priority #19:</b> “Bring a budget proposal forward to support Eastside Pathways and a plan for further partnership opportunities to achieve their goals.”

*Council Priority #18: Multi-Cultural Feasibility Study*

This proposal is responds to **Council Priority #18: “Implement the Diversity Plan and bring forward a concept for a multi-cultural center to the Council for consideration for inclusion in the 2017/2018 budget”**

**Background:**

The 2014 Diversity Advantage plan, as adopted by the City Council, recommends the development of a Bellevue Multicultural Center. The center would be a dramatic symbol of the Council vision, “Bellevue welcomes the world. Diversity is our strength.” It would be an experiential learning center and be a resource for businesses, school and other community groups and organizations. Its mission would be, **“To produce programs and events that educate, celebrate and promote Bellevue as a welcoming, inclusive community with a world view.”** In addition to providing much needed capacity to meet the increased demand for cultural activity space, the Bellevue Multicultural Center would feature cross cultural activities to bring people together and leverage the collective value of the diversity in the community. It would serve as an iconic 3<sup>rd</sup> place where all are welcome to explore and appreciate how diversity can enrich their

lives and strengthen the fabric of the community. This echoes the City's original 1993 Cultural Diversity Task Force Report, which encourages a *Cultural Center for Community Unity*.

**Funding Request:**

An investment of \$150,000 in 2017 would provide the necessary resources to:

- Inventory and map, through public outreach and work with community stakeholders, existing and desired cultural diversity programming and physical space needs. Research multicultural center concepts from elsewhere that could be models for development in Bellevue.
- The final report would provide a diversity programming plan to support the development and operation of a new multicultural center in Bellevue.

Options for funding could include:

- A. Reduce an existing project
- B. Fund through the CIP Council Advancement/Contingency
- C. Defer until a later date. Council always has the prerogative to adjust the budget at any time.
- D. Other direction as provided by Council

**Council Priority #19: Eastside Pathways**

This proposal responds to **Council Priority #19: “Bring a budget proposal forward to support Eastside Pathways and a plan for further partnership opportunities to achieve their goals.”**

Eastside Pathways has requested ongoing City funding support consistent with Council budget priority #19, requesting that staff bring a budget proposal forward to support Eastside Pathways and a plan for further partnership opportunities to achieve their goals.

Eastside Pathways is a “backbone” organization that is transforming the way our community works to positively impact the lives of children and youth, including basic needs, education, youth development, and healthcare. As part of the budget process, Eastside Pathways requests \$200,000 per year to support this work on behalf of the City and the community which focuses on the evidence-based realignment of resources to systematically resolve issues impacting Bellevue families. The City is a major provider and funder of critical community programs, and this investment is consistent with the City's goal of breaking down silos and ensuring the efficient production and access to services based on research and measurable outcomes. Eastside Pathways is a grassroots organization that is currently funded by contributions from individuals, business, and foundations, but seeks public sector support to ensure long-term sustainability and to move the effort from research to action and required results. Funding for Eastside Pathways specifically supports the following functions: develop and maintain a data framework on behalf of partner organizations; support for the various collaborative initiatives including recruiting, training, and supervising a network of volunteer facilitators; and the public outreach, education, and training needs of the partnership.

If approved, the requested funding provides the following direct benefits to the City of Bellevue:

- **Data Framework.** Eastside Pathways develops and maintains a data sharing and analysis framework on behalf of partner organizations and the community. This investment ensures the collection of data across organizations for the cradle to career pipeline. Examples of measures that have a direct and strategic relationship to the City of Bellevue include:
  - Healthy Start goal, only 65.8% of Bellevue infants are born with adequate prenatal care;
  - Academic and Work Success goal, only 88.9% of Bellevue students graduate from high school;
  - Mental and Physical Health & Safety goal, 42% of 12th graders use alcohol.
- **Annual Report.** Eastside Pathways produces an independent scorecard demonstrating performance measures that track positive change in community outcomes. Eastside Pathways is responsible for identifying and tracking data points of Bellevue children and youth, and distributing the information so that all partners have access to the same data. Simultaneously, the performance measures inform the partners and the community of key findings and progress over time.
- **Training and Volunteer Services.** Eastside Pathways supports collaborative initiatives including planning, recruiting, training, and supervising a network of volunteers to collaboratively improve community investments. Training investments by Eastside Pathways were estimated to provide \$88,000 in direct City benefit in 2015-2016.
- **Access to Grants and External Funding.** Eastside Pathways is initiative-ready to apply for grants, funding, and access to resources to impact the lives of children and families in need, but which would not necessary be accessible to the City of Bellevue. For example, Eastside Pathways is leading the effort to secure funding from the King County “Best Starts for Kids” levy in 2017 and ensure that the Eastside has access to the \$56M annual funding for children and youth issues.

Eastside Pathways serves approximately a quarter of all children living in Bellevue, and to date, Eastside Pathways has impacted community issues toward a positive outcome.

- Head Start funding for 151 slots totaling approximately \$1M for Bellevue children were eliminate by local and federal funding. Eastside Pathways spearheaded an effort by parents and business to have the slots funded by Bellevue School District and a community campaign, with contributions from Eastside Pathways’ partners.
- Highland Village Apartments were scheduled to evict 85+ families after the building was sold to a new developer. Eastside Pathways was instrumental in raising awareness and efforts through their partner organizations, which includes the City and the King County Housing Authority. King County Housing Authority purchased the apartment complex, allowing several low-income and Latino families to remain residents of Bellevue.
- Eastside Pathways led an effort to ensure that Bellevue School District’s Family Connection Center remain open after ten sites were scheduled for closure due to a lack of funding.

Options for operating funding could include:

- A. Reduce an existing expenditure
- B. Fund through the use of operating reserves or contingency

- C. Defer until a later date. Council always has the prerogative to adjust the budget at any time.
- D. Other direction as provided by Council