



DATE: January 27, 2026

TO: Mayor Malakoutian, Deputy Mayor Hamilton, and City Councilmembers

FROM: Angela Phan, Chair, Human Services Commission

SUBJECT: Recommendations for the 2027-2028 Human Services Funding

### Overview

The Human Services Commission has completed its work reviewing and recommending percentage awards for the 2027-2028 Human Services Fund, 2027-2028 Behavioral Health and Housing-Related Services Housing Stability Program and the potential 2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We look forward to presenting our recommendations to you at your January 27, 2026, Council meeting. A summary of the recommendations can be found in Attachment B and our recommended contingency plan can be found in Attachment C.

The *2025 Human Services Needs Update* was completed as sweeping reductions were being made to the federal human services infrastructure. The *Needs Update* documents the overwhelming and growing need in the community. We recommend to you the following percentage allocations for the 10 areas of need identified in the 2025 Needs Update.

<b>AREA OF NEED</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS</b>
Shelter, Shelter-based Programs & Transitional Housing	35%
Financial Assistance	6%
Food & Basic Needs	10%
Housing Stability	6%
Childcare & Early Learning	7%
Behavioral Health	18%
Fostering Well-being in the Face of Hate & Discrimination	6%
Medical & Dental	1%
Navigation, Legal, Case Management, & Other Supportive Services	9%
Survivor Advocacy & Safety from Violence	2%

## **Review Process**

The foundation of the Human Services Commission's work was the *2025 Bellevue Human Services Needs Update* which provided data that informed our funding percentage recommendations.

The *Needs Update* identified the following themes that emerged throughout the data collected:

- Cultural and linguistic barriers
- Access barriers
- Provider strain
- Stigma and mistrust

The Commission's recommendations are also informed by data presented by provider panels, subject matter experts and informational groups at our meetings on Childcare, Affordable housing, Youth with Disabilities, Safe Parking & Street Outreach, LGBTQIA+, Shelter. Additionally, beginning in January of 2024, the Human Services Commission substituted one monthly meeting with an engagement activity for commissioners. Each commissioner attended a wide variety of tours, talks, and panels to raise our awareness and understanding of issues for the Bellevue human services community.

## **Conclusion**

We wish to thank the City Council for your ongoing support of human services in Bellevue. The City's investment is crucial to support the community safety net and to provide the resources necessary for all of Bellevue's residents to thrive.

Cc: Human Services Commission

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