

# Planning for the Upcoming Funding Process

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Human Services Commission  
April 5, 2022



# Funding Process Timeline

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- **March 14** Application portal opened
- **April – May** HSC and Staff Prepare for the Application Review Process and Center Equity
- **April 28** Application Portal Closes
- **May – July** Review applications and formulate draft recommendations
- **August** Commission Recess
- **September** Public Hearing
- **Late Fall** Present Recommendations to Council



# Commission Application Review Teams

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- Jude & Tim
- Angela, Ben & Jimmy
- Someireh & Ted



# Funding Sustainable Agency Operations

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- Staffing Challenges: expect increased expenses for a service unit
- Cost of Administration—includes legitimate and necessary expenses & supports the goal of equity in funding
  - **Staff Recommendation: Fund up to 20% of award for administration costs**

## Distributing Funds Equitably average percent funded of an agency request

|   | 21-22 HS Funding | All 21 Funding |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| BIPOC By and For Agencies               | 34%              | 81%            |
| All Other Agencies (including shelters) | 72%              | 75%            |
| All Other Agencies (excluding shelters) | 72%              | 76%            |



## Distributing Funds Equitably (cont.)

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- At the Commission's March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, Commissioners adopted the funding priorities raised in the 2021-2022 HS Needs Update which included insufficient access to services because of needing culturally and linguistically specific services.
- When agencies that are currently funded are prioritized, it is challenging to address emerging needs and incorporate new agencies into funding recommendations.

➤ **Staff Recommendation: Set a level playing field by developing funding recommendations from scratch (except emergency shelters)**



# Ensuring Priority Areas are Funded

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- The application process allows for agencies to request what they need to provide their services. This does not guarantee that the Commission will receive all the applications needed to address the priorities highlighted in the Needs Update.
- **Staff Recommendation: When the review of applications is complete—ask what is missing and consider setting money aside for future RFPs to address the gaps**



Do Commissioners have any other items regarding the application process?

