

## CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

Information and discussion regarding the Human Services Commission's recommended use of 2020 federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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## DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL

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Council will review and discuss the Human Services Commission's recommendations for 2020 CDBG funding. Final adoption will take place on November 18.

## RECOMMENDATION

Direct staff to return with an Ordinance approving the funding plan for 2020 CDBG funds on November 18.

## BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

The Human Services Commission reviewed six funding applications to create funding recommendations for an estimated \$917,000 in CDBG funds for 2020. CDBG funds may be awarded to local organizations engaging in activities that are eligible under national objectives defined in the Code of Federal Regulations. For the City of Bellevue, funded activities must meet the national objective to benefit mostly low- and moderate-income residents.

The Commission is recommending funding for the following activities (details on each program are included in Attachment B):

CDBG Administration:	\$75,263
CDBG Planning:	\$68,614
Jewish Family Service Immigrant & Refugee Service Centers:	\$143,871
City of Bellevue Major Home Repair Program:	\$494,914
Sound Generations Minor Home Repair Program:	\$84,000
Ventures Microenterprise Assistance:	\$50,000

Microenterprise Assistance is an eligible activity that Bellevue has not previously funded with CDBG dollars. A microenterprise is a business that has five or fewer employees, one of whom owns the business and must be a low- or moderate-income person. Ventures is a nonprofit that will provide technical assistance and training in their *Business Basics* course to low-income residents interested in developing a microenterprise business. Details of Ventures' program are included in Attachment B.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

The Human Services Commission was established in 1986. BCC 3.61.070 directs the Commission to provide recommendations to the City Council on all requests for human services funding.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The proposed Ordinance authorizes the City Manager or his designee to accept a grant from HUD and authorizes the expenditure of an estimated \$917,000 to implement the 2020 CDBG recommendations as submitted by the Bellevue Human Services Commission. Funding for these expenditures is provided by an estimated \$765,000 from HUD's 2020 CDBG Grant Program, and \$152,000 of anticipated 2020 home repair loan repayment income. These funds are included in the 2020 adopted budget.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Direct staff to return with an Ordinance approving the funding plan for 2020 CDBG funds on November 18.
2. Provide alternate direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

- A. Letter of Transmittal from the Human Services Commission
- B. 2020 CDBG Funding Recommendations
- C. 2020 CDBG Funding Contingency Plan

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

N/A