



City of Bellevue

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Human Services Commission Members

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Agenda Item for February 4, 2020 Commission Meeting

Finalizing Overarching Themes for 2021-2022 Funding Cycle

The Commission reviewed draft Overarching Themes for the 2021-2022 supplemental and for use during the application review period at the January 22nd meeting. Staff has incorporated Commissioner comments and suggestions into a second draft. Commissioners will review this draft and make any necessary changes.

The Commission will review the 2021-2022 supplemental at the February 19th meeting. The final Overarching Themes will be incorporated into the supplemental.

OVERARCHING THEMES

The overarching themes that emerged from the *2019-2020 Human Services Needs Update* include the following needs:

- More affordable housing options and services to keep people in their homes.
- Information & services in languages other than English that are culturally responsive.
- Services to address the high cost and lack of availability of child care.
- Affordable transportation options for older adults and for those seeking to access services.
- Services and training to address barriers to employment and lack of living wage/middle income job opportunities.
- Services for the increasing number of children & youth experiencing significant mental health issues.
- Low-cost and free civil legal services, especially regarding domestic violence, immigration issues, and bankruptcy.
- Additional heroin and prescription opiate treatment services and on-demand mental health services.
- Increased access to affordable dental care.
- Additional services for older adults and adults with disabilities.