



City of Bellevue

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Human Services Commission Members

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Agenda Items for March 16, 2021 Commission Meeting

Financial Eligibility Requirements for Non-Profit and For-Profit Organizations

At the February 2 Commission meeting, staff presented information about some potential changes to the financial requirements for agencies applying for funding for human services programs to the City of Bellevue. Commissioners requested some additional information related to funding for for-profit organizations that seek to apply for human services funds from Bellevue. Currently, for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for these funds.

At the March 16 meeting, staff will present the additional information requested and answer any questions from the Commission. The action requested by staff after discussion is that the Commission approve the financial eligibility requirements at this meeting so that they can be used in future funding allocation processes.

Proposal: Pilot Small Grants Process

The Commission has directed staff to develop a proposal for a pilot for agencies to apply for grants under \$5,000 with fewer reporting and other requirements to increase access to smaller, community-based organizations. Staff have developed such a proposal for discussion with the Commission. Although there is not currently an identified source of funds for such grants, Commissioners could decide to set aside some 2023-2024 funds in their next funding cycle which would occur in March 2022.

There will be no action requested by staff for the Commission at the March 16 meeting for adoption of the pilot but it would be included at a subsequent Commission meeting.

Drafts of both the revised funding requirements and the proposal for a pilot small grants process will be sent by email prior to the March 16 to Commissioners.

