



City of Bellevue

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Human Services Commission Members

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Agenda Item for June 1, 2021 Commission Meeting

Overview of Bellevue Behavioral Health and Housing Related Services Request for Proposal and Funding Recommendations Process

Background

In 2020 Bellevue City Council passed a resolution imposing an additional sales and use tax of one tenth of one percent that will provide funding for affordable housing, behavioral health, and housing related services. Staff have briefed the Commission over the past few months about the discussions related to the development of an implementation plan for how these funds would be spent. At the May 3, 2021 City Council meeting, Council members directed staff to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) using \$1,659,422 of those funds collected thus far for the following services: behavioral health, supportive services, and rental assistance. This RFP was sent out on May 14, 2021 and is due June 4, 2021.

At this Commission meeting, Toni Esparza, Assistant Director, will provide some background on what types of services can be funded as mandated by the State of Washington legislation that created this sales tax, and I will provide the detailed timeline we will follow. The Commission will be sent the applications to read the week of June 7th; they will discuss them at their June 15th and June 29th meetings. Similar to the regular biennial funding process, the Commission will vote on recommendations for these funds and staff will transmit them to the City Council for their approval on July 19, 2021.