



MANAGEMENT BRIEF

DATE: July 19, 2021

TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

FROM: Michelle Kline, Chair
Human Services Commission

SUBJECT: 2021-2022 Behavioral Health and Housing Related Services
Funding Recommendations

The Human Services Commission has completed its work reviewing and recommending grant awards for applications that were submitted for 2021-2022 Behavioral Health and Housing Related Services. I look forward to presenting our recommendations to you at your Study Session on July 19, 2021.

The requests for funding were 50 percent more than the budget available, which made the Commission's task challenging. Twenty-five applications were received for services that benefit mostly low- and moderate-income residents of Bellevue in three areas: behavioral health, rental and move-in assistance, and supportive services. The Commission reviewed the applications at their June 15 and June 29 meetings. A summary of the funding recommendations can be found in Attachment B.

The Human Services Commission made their funding recommendations with the focus on agencies serving a large percentage of historically marginalized, underserved and disproportionately impacted groups such as Black, Indigenous and People of Color as well as older adults, youth, LGBTQAI people and people with disabilities. We also prioritized programs that provide culturally specific and equitable services that reduce barriers to access for Bellevue's diverse communities.

We wish to thank the City Council for recognizing the need to build the housing and human service infrastructure in Bellevue and address the emerging needs for behavioral health and supportive services. Thank you for your support of human services in the past, and we appreciate your continued support.

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