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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Lynn Zwaagstra, Director
Leslie R. Miller, Human Services Supervisor

Date: May 4, 2021

Subject: ALLOCATION OF HUMAN SERVICES RESERVES

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council confirm its support of the allocation of a portion of the Human Services Reserve to address the homelessness crisis through the attached fiscal note. By taking action on the consent agenda, this fiscal note will be approved.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

City staff proposed allocating a portion of the 2021 Human Services Reserve to address the homelessness crisis at the City Council's April 19th meeting. Councilmembers agreed to the proposed allocation presented in summary form below. Unless otherwise indicated, the amount listed is for each year in the 2021-2022 biennium.

RECOMMENDATION TABLE

	Agency/Program	Recommended Total for Each Year	Priority Areas
1	Catholic Community Services—CReW Street Outreach Program for Kirkland (from .5 to 1 FTE)	\$75,000	Response to Homelessness within Kirkland
2	Motel Voucher Program for Kirkland	\$10,000	Response to Homelessness within Kirkland
3	Congregations for the Homeless—Enhanced 24/7 Shelter <i>(to fully fund 2021-2022 application ask)</i>	\$48,965	Shared Eastside Response to Homelessness Crisis
3	Congregations for the Homeless—Enhanced 24/7 Shelter for Men <i>(additional contribution to support 24/7 operations)</i>	\$150,000 for 2021 only	Shared Eastside Response to Homelessness Crisis

4	Friends of Youth—Day Center & Outreach <i>(to fully fund 2021-2022 application ask)</i>	\$6,000	Shared Eastside Response to Homelessness Crisis
4	Friends of Youth—Youth and Young Adult Shelters <i>(to fully fund 2021-2022 application ask)</i>	\$40,000	Shared Eastside Response to Homelessness Crisis
4	Friends of Youth—24/7 Support for Young Adult Day Center and Shelter <i>(additional contribution to support 24/7 operations)</i>	\$100,000 For 2021 only	Shared Eastside Response to Homelessness Crisis
5	Hopelink—Emergency Food	\$27,487	Pandemic Priority: Food Insecurity
6	Kinderling—Families in Transition (FIT)	\$22,792	Supportive Services to Families Experiencing Homelessness
7	LifeWire—Emergency Shelter Internet Access	\$10,000 For 2022 only	Supportive Services to Families Experiencing Homelessness & Pandemic Domestic Violence Response
	SUBTOTAL	\$230,244 x 2	\$460,488
	SUBTOTAL	\$260,000 x 1	\$260,000
	TOTAL		\$720,488

The recommendations shore up the response to homelessness within the City of Kirkland and contribute to the effort of the Cities of Bellevue, Kirkland and Redmond to close the funding gap for the 24/7 shelters in the short term while they advocate for additional community stakeholders to step forward to provide funding. Providers of services to unhoused community members have been stretched thin with the continuing strong demand for services, which has been additionally challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic. The system will likely face increased demand for services depending upon the region and the state's mitigation of the impact of the end of the eviction moratorium. For these reasons it is critical that the programs have their deficits erased. The funding gap for the men and young adult services are addressed here. Support to address the funding gap for women and families with children will be included in the allocation recommendation of Community Development Block Grant funding that will be available later this spring. Recommendations in June will address other community needs, in particular mental health and behavioral health support needs.

HUMAN SERVICES RESERVE SUMMARY TABLE

Human Services Reserve Available Balance	\$1,258,253
2021-22 Funding Recommendations	\$720,488
Human Services Reserve Remaining	\$537,765

FISCAL NOTE*CITY OF KIRKLAND*

Source of Request							
Lynn Zwaagstra, Director, Parks & Community Services							
Description of Request							
One-time funding of \$720,488 from the Human Services Reserve to fund a variety of grants to nonprofits and community partners to recommendations shore up the response to homelessness within the City of Kirkland and contribute to the effort of the Cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland and Redmond to close the funding gap for the 24/7 shelters in the short term while they advocate for additional community stakeholders to step forward to provide funding.							
Legality/City Policy Basis							
Fiscal Impact							
One-time transfer of \$720,488 from Human Services Reserve to PCS-Human Services Professional Services operating budget for the purpose of funding 8 grants to local service providers. The Human Services Reserve is \$1,258,253 and will be \$537,765 after this fiscal note.							
Recommended Funding Source(s)							
Reserve	Description	2022 Est End Balance	Prior Auth. 2021-22 Uses	Prior Auth. 2021-22 Additions	Amount This Request	Revised 2022 End Balance	2022 Target
	Human Services Rsv.	1,258,253	0	0	(720,488)	537,765	N/A
Revenue/Exp Savings							
Other Source							
Other Information							

Prepared By	Kevin Lowe Pelstring, Budget Analyst	Date	April 14, 2021
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