



Human Services Commission Special Meeting

Date: August 13, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Rose Hill Room, Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Ave Kirkland, WA 98033

Zoom: <https://kirklandwa.gov.zoom.us/j/87016036029?pwd=B2WcFIZ2L0USvbmSjc7OemTSZ8OsDS.1>

The commission is directed by the City Council to advise the Parks and Community Services Department, City Manager, and City Council in leading the City's efforts to support a socially sustainable community through health and human services and programs that fulfill the basic needs of all people and enhance the quality of life in our city now and into the future.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. July 28, 2026
5. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**
6. **BUSINESS**
 - a. 2027 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing
 - b. First Review of 2027-2028 Human Services Grant Funding Recommendations
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. Commissioner Reports
 - b. Staff Reports and Announcements
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upcoming Commission Activities

Regular Meeting August 25, 2026

City Council Study Session September 15, 2026

City Hall for All September 19, 2026

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HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes Commission Special Meeting
July 28, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sriram Rajagopalan called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Sriram Rajagopalan, Commissioner Gabriela Lopez Vazquez, Commissioner Kobey Sage Chew, Commissioner Shannon Quinn, and Youth Commissioner Eric Dodd.

Excused Absences: Vice Chair Cristian Liu.

Commissioner Jory Hamilton arrived at 6:16pm.

Staff Present: Human Services Manager Jen Boone, Human Services Supervisor Becky Gilley, Human Services Coordinator Anny Smith, Human Services Coordinator Regi Schubiger, Human Services Coordinator Amanda Judd, and Human Services Office Specialist Kerry Lam

Meeting Recorder: Human Services Office Specialist Kerry Lam

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Gabriela Lopez Vazquez read the land acknowledgment. Youth Commissioner Eric Dodd will read the land acknowledgement for the August 13th meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Sriram Rajagopalan requested a motion to approve the July 9, 2026, minutes, Commissioner Shannon Quinn motioned for approval, Commissioner Kobey Sage Chew seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 5; No: 0; Abstention: 1).

5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No public comment.

6. BUSINESS

a. 2027-2028 Deferred Application Review

The Commission reviewed 13 deferred applications from the 2027–2028 Human Services Grant cycle, originally set aside during the first review process. Staff summarized updated information for programs with outstanding questions, and Commissioners discussed each application using the ShareOne App portal and the Communities Rise Stoplight Tool to support an equity-centered review. Commissioners referenced the City's Community Goal Areas and current funding priorities to guide their discussion.

The following applications were discussed:

1. Consejo Counseling and Referral Services-Pathways to Healing Program
2. Essentials First-World Food Program
3. Evergreen Social Impact (acting as fiscal sponsor for Pride Across the Bridge)- Rainbow Resilience Network
4. Friends of Youth-Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services Program
5. Friends of Youth-Youth Case Management Program (Formerly Youth Employment Program)
6. Friends of Youth-The Willows Youth Services center (WYSC)
7. Friends of Youth-Youth Haven
8. Hopelink-English for Work (Previously Adult Ed)
9. Hopelink-Financial Capabilities
10. Overlake Christian Church-Financial Aid & Assistance Program
11. Overlake Christian Church-Safe parking and Day Center Emergency Shelter
12. Porchlight-Housing Navigation
13. Sound Generations- Volunteer Transportation Services (VTS)

b. 2027-2028 Grant Funding Overview

The Commission received an overview of the 2027–2028 human services grants budget to prepare for upcoming funding recommendations to City Council. Staff highlighted the base budget of \$1,819,668 per year and explained how Options A, B, and C may be structured, including potential one-time supplemental funding. Commissioners discussed historical funding trends, current funding sources, and Council's guidance from the April 7 joint meeting. This foundational review will support development of draft grant recommendations ahead of the August 13 meeting.

c. Eastside Human Services Commissions' Equity Workshop Debrief

The Commission debriefed the Eastside Human Services Commissions' Equity Workshop, held jointly on May 12, 2026, and reviewed the related post-work materials. Staff summarized the training's goals and emphasized how Commissioners applied an equity lens throughout the 27–28 grant application review process. Commissioners discussed insights from the pre-work, in-person session, and post-work facilitated by Communities Rise. This conversation supports continued development of equitable practices in future funding cycles.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

a. 2027 Community Development Block Grant Allocation

The Commission received an overview of the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and Kirkland's estimated 2027 allocation. Staff outlined how CDBG funds are distributed through the King County Consortium and reviewed eligible uses, including capital projects, public services, and administration benefiting low- and moderate-income residents. Commissioners also discussed the timeline leading up to the August 25 public hearing and resolution proposed at the September 15 City Council

meeting. This presentation prepares the Commission for upcoming recommendations on the City's CDBG funding distribution.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Gabriela Lopez Vazquez reported that she volunteered at a legal clinic hosted by 4 Tomorrow. Commissioner Shannon Quinn attended the Bellevue Arts Fair and learned about the Furniture Repair Bank. Commissioner Sriram Rajagopalan reported that he is working with the 988 system's "lived experience" subcommittee to help develop a document that helps educate the community.

b. Staff Reports & Announcements

Human Services Coordinator Anny Smith reported that the next meeting will be held on August 13 in the Rose Hill Room at City Hall. She reminded the group that a group photo is planned but will need to be rescheduled due to Commission availability. Staff also reminded Commissioners that a special study session is scheduled for September 15, during which City Council will review the grants, and staff will present their recommendations.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sriram Rajagopalan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kobey Sage Chew motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Youth Commissioner Eric Dodd. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Human Services Commission

From: Jen Boone, Human Services Manager

Date: August 9, 2026

Subject: **2027 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Human Services Commission hold a public hearing on the proposed allocation of CDBG funds for 2027 and approve recommendations to the City Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Kirkland receives federal Community Block Grant (CDBG) funds through King County to support low- and moderate-income residents.
- As part of a 34-city consortium, Kirkland is responsible for planning and directing its own share of funds for public services, planning and administration, and capital projects each year.
- Staff briefed the Commission on the estimated 2027 allocation of funds at its July 28, 2026 meeting.
- Following the public hearing, the Commission will approve recommendations, and staff will present to City Council at its September 15 meeting. Following Council approval, staff will submit the City's recommended allocations to King County by October 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The primary objective of the federal Community Development Block Grant program is to support the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment via community facilities and public infrastructure, and expanded economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. Funds are distributed to communities nationwide on a formula basis. The three areas where CDBG funds can be used are:

- **Capital projects** serving low and moderate income residents;
- **Public service programs** serving low- and moderate-income residents; and
- **Planning and administration** in support of these activities.

As part of the Interlocal Agreement with King County, Kirkland must develop a plan for allocating the City's portion of CDBG funds every year. Funds for public service and capital projects must be utilized to benefit those with low to moderate income and be consistent with

the King County Consortium Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan (“Consolidated Plan”).

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Distribution of Kirkland’s portion of CDBG funds is determined by the City Council after receiving a recommendation from the Human Services Commission. For the 2027 CDBG City distribution, staff recommend continued funding as distributed in previous years.

- \$44,563 for homeless services provided by Porchlight. CDBG funds will support the operations of its 24/7 enhanced shelter for men experiencing homelessness on the Eastside at 13668 SE Eastgate Way, Bellevue, WA.
- \$172,157 for A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH), who select housing development projects through a separate request for proposal process. The recommendations on projects funded are presented by ARCH to Kirkland City Council at a regular Council meeting in the first quarter of 2026.
- \$43,154 for City of Kirkland, CDBG Program Administration, 123 5th Avenue, Kirkland, WA. CDBG funds will be used to support staff who administer the City of Kirkland’s CDBG program activities.

Attachment 1 includes background materials about the CDBG program presented by staff at the Commission’s July 28, 2026, meeting.

NEXT STEPS:

Following the public hearing, the Commission will approve recommendations, and City Council will pass a resolution formalizing the recommendation at its September 15 meeting. Following the adopted resolution, staff will submit the City’s allocations to King County by October 1, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - 2027 Community Development Block Grant Program Allocation

2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocation

Human Services Commission

July 28, 2026

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

- ▶ Definition and Funding Formula
- ▶ King County Consortium
- ▶ JAC Status
- ▶ 2026 Summary
- ▶ 2027 Estimated Allocation
- ▶ Next Steps

DEFINITION

- Federal funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Funds are provided to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income persons.

FUNDING FORMULA

- Funds are distributed by formula based upon community need
- Metrics include:
 - Extent of poverty
 - Population
 - Lack of affordable housing
 - Age of housing

KING COUNTY CONSORTIUM

- The King County Housing and Community Development Program (HCD) administers CDBG funds on behalf of King County and participating Cities
 - Exceptions: Auburn, Bellevue, Federal Way, Kent and Seattle receive funds directly from HUD
 - Partially true for the five cities that participate in the Consortium as a Joint Agreement City

JOINT AGREEMENT CITY

- Joint Agreement Cities (JAC) are jurisdictions large enough to contract directly with HUD but choose to remain part of the consortium.
 - Burien, Kirkland, Redmond, Renton and Shoreline
 - City of Kirkland became a JAC in 2015

GOVERNANCE

- King County Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC)
 - Inter-jurisdictional body that provides funding recommendations and advice on guidelines and procedures to King County regarding CDBG and other federal, state and local funds
 - Two Joint Agreement Cities serve on the JRC on a rotating basis

2025 CONSORTIUM SUMMARY

- 20% Planning & Administration
- 15% Public Services (Human Services)
- 25% Housing Repair
- 40% Capital

TOTAL: \$5.4 MILLION

2026 SUMMARY: KIRKLAND

- **2026 Entitlement Grant Allocation
Total: \$445,627**
 - Set-Asides: \$185,754
 - City Allocation for Distribution:
\$259,873

2026 SUMMARY: KIRKLAND

2026 Set-Aside Totals: \$185,754

- County Admin Fee 10% - \$43,154
- Capital Admin Fee 2% - \$8,913
- Housing Stability Program 5% - \$22,281
- Housing Repair Program 25% - \$111,407

2026 SUMMARY: KIRKLAND

- **City Distribution Total: \$259,873**
 - Planning and Admin: \$43,154
 - Public Services: \$44,563
 - Capital: \$172,157

KIRKLAND 2027 ESTIMATED ALLOCATION

- \$43,154 for Planning & Administration
- \$44,563 for Public Services/Human Services
- \$172,157 for Capital Projects

Total for City Distribution: \$259,873

NEXT STEPS

- August 13 HSC Meeting: CDBG Public Hearing
- September 15 Council Meeting: City Council Approves 2026 Allocation



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MEMORANDUM

To: Human Services Commission

From: Jen Boone, Human Services Manager
Amanda Judd, Human Services Coordinator
Antoinette Smith, Human Services Coordinator
Regi Schubiger, Human Services Coordinator

Date: August 10, 2026

Subject: **First Review of 2027-2028 Human Services Grant Recommendations**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Human Services Commission review and discuss City staff recommendations for human services grant funding for the 2027-2028 biennium. Staff will seek Commission feedback on the draft list of recommendations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The City received 142 applications from nonprofit organizations for 2027-2028 human services grant funding.
- Staff developed 2027-2028 draft grant recommendations for Commission consideration using direction from City legislation, goals and priorities, United Way community goal areas, services landscape, and Human Services Commission priorities.
- Staff prepared grant recommendations using the budget framework Option A, B, and C as directed by Council.
- Option A recommends funding 31 programs which continue investments in core, high priority programs, including emergency shelter, housing stabilization and prevention, youth mental health, food insecurity, and culturally specific services.
- Option B recommends funding 26 programs and continues investments in priority programs, including housing, domestic violence services, legal support, and culturally specific services. It also continues funding for agencies who received rapid response funds in 2025.
- Option C recommends funding 21 programs and continues investments in currently funded priority programs, including adult mental health programs. There are a few proposed new programs to be considered for funding.
- 73 programs are not recommended for funding for 2027-2028.
- If all three options were funded by Council, 21% of the base budget and 24% of the overall grants budget support BIPOC programs.

BACKGROUND:

Human services grant funding supports adopted City Council goals. More specifically, the Human Services Element of the Comprehensive Plan states that it is a city goal to “create a

community in which all members have the ability to meet their basic physical, economic and social needs, and the opportunity to enhance their quality of life.”

Staff developed draft recommendations using direction from City legislation, goals and priorities, United Way community goal areas, services landscape, Human Services Commission priorities. Representatives from the Kirkland Senior Council and Kirkland Youth Council also reviewed applications serving peer community members. These considerations combined with the feedback of the Human Services Commission during the grant application review process, provided guidance to staff in compiling a draft list of recommendations following a record-breaking number of applications requests received.

The categories below were used in creating the grant framework.

Municipal Code Evaluation Criteria

The criteria established for grant applicants in the original legislation authorizing the City's grant program give priority to programs and agencies that:

- Benefit low-and-moderate income Kirkland residents
- Provide an appropriate solution to a documented need or identified problem in the community
- Promote self-sufficiency and independent living
- Are cost-effective
- Avoid duplication of services
- Have clear and established program outcomes
- Coordinate with other service providers

City Council and Comprehensive Plan Directive

Comprehensive Plan Policy 5.1 – “Regularly assess local human service needs and provide leadership in the development of services to address identified needs.”

Community Goal Areas

First developed by the United Way of King County, and later adopted by several local jurisdictions including Bellevue, Redmond, Seattle, King County, and Kirkland, the Community Goal Areas stated value is all residents in King County should have access to the following resources to promote independence, stability, and self-sufficiency.

Goal Area 1 - Food to Eat and a Roof Overhead

- Food security
- Emergency shelter if unhoused
- Affordable, permanent housing

Goal Area 2 - Supportive Relationships within Families, Neighborhoods and Communities

- Social support
- Legal assistance
- Access to services

Goal Area 3 - Safe Haven from All Forms of Violence and Abuse

- Domestic violence survivor support
- Support to address child abuse & neglect
- Sexual assault, rape, and child sexual abuse survivor services

Goal Area 4 - Health Care to Be as Physically and Mentally Fit as Possible

- Medical care
- Dental care
- Mental and behavioral health

Goal Area 5 - Education and Job Skills to Lead an Independent Life

- Employment and training opportunities
- Education
- Childcare

Past Performance

To ensure responsible use of public funds by current and previous grantees, current and prior contract performance was reviewed for all agencies that have previously received funding from the City.

Spring 2026 Equity Lens Training

The Human Services Commissions of Kirkland, Issaquah, Redmond, and Sammamish hosted a joint meeting to participate in an equity training facilitated by Communities Rise. The training focused on how to apply an equity lens towards grantmaking, which included a tool for the review process.

Services Landscape

The human services landscape in Kirkland and across the Eastside continues to be shaped by persistent economic vulnerability, rising costs of living, and increased demand for services. The 2025 Community Needs Assessment (CNA) released by Hopelink identifies five interconnected areas of need across North and East King County: economic insecurity, housing affordability, transportation access, food insecurity, and barriers to accessing services related to language, age, disability, and immigration status. While the CNA provides a useful overview of regional trends, the data is based on 2019–2023 five-year estimates and may not fully reflect the current services landscape.

Housing affordability: Housing affordability remains one of the most significant drivers of instability. Rising rents and rent burden have contributed to sustained pandemic level demand for prevention, emergency rental assistance, and legal services. Demand for rental assistance continues to exceed available resources, leaving many households vulnerable to housing loss when faced with an unexpected expense, income disruption, or rent increase. At the same time, inequitable access to transit can further limit residents' ability to access employment, housing, health care, and other essential services that support stability.

Food insecurity: Food insecurity also remains a significant and growing concern. Increasing food costs, combined with broader cost-of-living pressures and reductions in federal assistance, have increased demand for food banks and other food access resources. The impact was particularly visible during the 43-day federal government shutdown in 2025, when SNAP benefits were disrupted. In Kirkland, an estimated 7,500 individuals in approximately 3,000 households rely on SNAP. In response, the City Council allocated \$100,000 in one-time emergency funding to support local food access resources. The experience highlighted the importance of continued investment in food access. In addition to access to food, there is continued demand for food that is culturally relevant and appropriate to the communities seeking support.

Behavioral health and substance use: Behavioral health and substance use services continue to experience sustained demand. The increase in behavioral health needs that

emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic has not subsided, particularly among youth. Providers continue to report that demand for behavioral health and substance use treatment exceeds available capacity. At the same time, workforce burnout, fatigue, and pay inequity have contributed to challenges recruiting and retaining behavioral health workers in the nonprofit sector, further limiting the system's ability to respond to community need.

Immigration: Immigrant, refugee, and other historically marginalized communities face additional barriers to accessing services. Changes in federal immigration policy since January 2025 have contributed to increased fear and isolation among immigrant, refugee, and asylum-seeking community members, creating barriers to accessing schools, employment, resources, health care, and other services. Local organizations have reported increased demand for legal assistance, basic needs support, and mental health services while simultaneously operating with limited funding and staff capacity. Some providers have adapted their service models, for example, through home-based case management and food delivery, to reduce barriers for individuals who may be hesitant or unable to access resources in traditional setting. Council awarded \$100,000 in rapid response funding in 2025 to support providers meeting this evolving need.

Culturally specific services: More broadly, the region's changing and increasingly diverse population requires continued adaptation of the services the City invests in. Language, age, disability, immigration status, race, ethnicity, and gender identity can all influence how residents experience barriers and their ability to access available resources. There is increasing demand for services that are adaptive and responsive, effectively supporting priority populations, including Black and African American, Indigenous, Latinx, immigrant, refugee, and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. These needs intersect with broader systemic inequities that can compound the effects of low-income households and limit access to opportunities and services that promote stability in Kirkland and the Eastside.

System: The service landscape is further constrained by pressure on the nonprofit and public-sector systems themselves. Inflation, the expiration of one-time federal funding, persistent post-pandemic impacts on low-income households, workforce burnout, and limited provider capacity have reduced the ability of organizations to respond to growing or increasingly complex needs. As a result, the challenge is not simply the number of services available, but also whether the existing system has sufficient capacity, geographic reach, cultural responsiveness, and sustainable funding to meet current needs.

These trends point to a services landscape experiencing high and sustained demand across multiple, interconnected areas of need while provider capacity remains extremely constrained. Housing instability, food insecurity, and behavioral health needs, and difficulty accessing services are not isolated challenges; they often compound one another and can make it more difficult for households to achieve long-term stability. This landscape reinforces the importance of continued human services grant investments that address immediate needs and the underlying conditions that contribute to economic instability.

Human Services Commission Priority Areas

The Commission discusses the specific emerging needs of the community at the time of considering the next cycle of human services grants. Making recommendations on what programs to fund is difficult, recognizing the valuable services each respective organization provides to the community. Priorities help guide the Commission in development of the recommendations given that requests exceed available funding. The Commission's priorities for the upcoming grant cycle were finalized at the Commission's February 24, 2026, meeting:

- Access to Basic Needs

- Food assistance
- Healthcare access – Whole person health
 - Behavioral/Mental health services for children, youth, and adults
 - Substance Use Disorder treatment services
- Homelessness and Affordable Housing
 - Includes emergency shelter and associated wrap-around services
 - Affordable housing supports
 - Includes legal services for housing
 - Emergency financial assistance
- Access to Critical Services
 - Domestic Violence/Sexual assault survivors support and services
 - Legal assistance
 - Includes immigration support
 - Aging and disability services
- Additional consideration will be given to organizations and agencies that are new, small, and/or Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC)-led/serving. There will be additional emphasis on funding programs focused on services and support to those who identify as immigrants, refugees, and/or asylum-seekers as well as folks who are part of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Those service approaches are often more nuanced, culturally responsive, and rooted in community.

The 2027-2028 budget for human services funding is \$1,819,668 per year/\$3,639,336 biennium. As requested by the Council at its joint meeting with the Commission on April 7, 2026¹, the HSC can put together supplemental one-time funding options for Council consideration (Option B and Option C), but the draft recommendations for Option A must reflect what is currently budgeted for human services funding and subsequently, address the highest priority needs of the City and Commission.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Staff prepared grant recommendations for Option A, B, and C in response to the criteria outlined above and the budget framework directed by Council.

Option A – Base Budget

Option A includes base budget funding of \$1,819,668 per year/\$3,639,336 biennium. Staff recommends funding 31 programs in Option A. Base budget funding is guaranteed, so recommended programs continue investments in core, high priority programs, including emergency shelter, housing stabilization and prevention, youth mental health, food insecurity, and culturally specific services. Option A also includes \$220,000 for the Kirkland Teen Union Building partners providing on-site services. Attachment 1 summarizes organization name, program name, application request, and award amount. Option A currently exceeds the budget available by \$31,411 and requires Commission discussion.

Option B – Partial Continued One-Time Funding

Option B is partial one-time funding approved by Council in the 2025-2026 grant cycle. Option B can include awards up to \$634,314 per year/\$1,268,628 biennium and requires Council action to sustain current funding levels. Staff recommends funding 26 programs in Option B. Option B continues investments in priority programs, including housing, domestic violence services, legal support, and culturally specific services. It also continues funding for agencies who received

¹ https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/city-council/agenda-documents/2026/april-7-2026/3a_study-session.pdf

rapid response funds.² Attachment 2 summarizes organization name, program name, application request, and award amount.

Option C – Continued One-Time Funding + New Funding Request

Option C can include one-time funding approved by Council in the 2025-2026 grant cycle. To maintain current investment levels, Option C can include awards up to \$511,076 per year/\$1,022,152 biennium and requires Council action. The Commission can also put together an additional list of programs considered for one-time funding based on need if desired. Staff recommends funding 21 programs in Option C. Option C continues investments in currently funded priority programs, including adult mental health programs. Only 2 new programs are recommended for funding and 2 programs awarded in previous cycles but do not currently receive funding. Attachment 3 summarizes organization name, program name, application request, and award amount. Option C exceeds the \$511,076 of current 25-26 investments but staff are recommending additional funding based on community need.

Applications Not Recommended for Funding

Staff do not recommend 73 applications for funding consideration. 54 of the 73 were initially reviewed by staff and recommended to be removed from the application review process for the Commission. The Commission reviewed these recommendations at the May 14, 2026, Human Services Commission meeting.³ There are 13 applications the Commission recommended funding following application review included in the do not fund list. The applications are highlighted in pink in Attachment 4.

Equity Framework

In addition to the established priorities, staff applied an equity framework to the grant recommendations in response to the services landscape by allocating the following:

- Invest a minimum of 10% of base budget recommendations to community-based organizations serving BIPOC communities
- Invest a minimum of 15% of total funding recommendations to community-based organizations serving BIPOC communities

Of the 31 programs recommended for funding in Option A, 7 programs meet the criteria, representing 21% of the total base budget:

- 4 Tomorrow, Emergency Temporary Housing and Homelessness Recovery Program
- 4 Tomorrow, Eviction Prevention – Rental Mortgage, and Move-In Assistance
- Africans on the Eastside – Wraparound Support and Advocacy Program (WRAP)
- Essentials First – World Food Program
- Immigrant Women's Community Center – East King County Immigrant Family Support and Case Management Program
- MAPS Community Services (MAPS MCRC) – Emergency Rental Assistance
- MAPS Community Services (MAPS MCRC) – Food and Gas Assistance

Of the 47 programs recommended for funding in Option B and C, 17 applications meet the criteria if funded:⁴

- 4 Tomorrow – Life Services Program
- 4 Tomorrow – Mental Health Program

² Agency and program may be listed in multiple options as a result of this strategy.

³ <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/parks-amp-comm-services/human-services/hsc-files/agenda-amp-minutes/hsc-special-meeting-packet-2026-05-14.pdf>

⁴ Unduplicated application number is 15. Some organizations are recommended to receive funding across Option B and C.

- Asian Counseling and Referral Service – Whole Health Oriented Mental Health Program
- Asian Counseling and Referral Service – Children, Youth, and Families
- Africans on the Eastside – Wraparound Support and Advocacy Program (WRAP)
- Chinese Information and Service Center – North and East King County Community Resource Center
- Chinese Information and Services Center – Russian Speaking Senior Day Program
- Essentials First – World Food Program
- Immigrant Women's Community Center – East King County Immigrant Family Support and Case Management Program
- Indian American Community Services – Cultural Navigation Program
- Indian American Community Services – Domestic Violence Legal and Support Services
- Indian American Community Services – Immigration Legal and Support Services
- Indian American Community Services – Mental Health Program
- Indian American Community Services – Rahat Community Human Services Program
- MAPS Community Services (MAPS MCRC) – Information and Referral Services

If all three options are funded, \$727,472 per year would support BIPOC programs, representing 24% of the City's investment into human services grant awards.

NEXT STEPS:

At the Commission's special meeting on August 13th, the Commission will discuss staff recommendations and provide feedback on the drafted options. The discussion will guide staff to develop updated recommendations for the August 25th meeting which will include a ranking of programs for Option C.

Attachment 1 – Option A Human Services Grants Staff Recommendations
 Attachment 2 – Option B Human Services Grants Staff Recommendations
 Attachment 3 – Option C Human Services Grants Staff Recommendations
 Attachment 4 – Human Services Grant Applications Not Recommended for Funding
 Attachment 5 – 2027-2028 Human Services Grant Application Review Schedule

2027-2028 Human Services Grant Recommendations Option A			
Agency	Program	27-28 Request	Award Total
1. 4 Tomorrow	Emergency Temporary Housing & Homelessness Recovery Program	\$47,250	\$45,000
2. 4 Tomorrow	Eviction Prevention - Rental, Mortgage and Move in Assistance	\$280,000	\$272,079
3. Africans on the Eastside	WRAP - Wraparound support and Advocacy Program	\$20,000	\$5,000
4. Archdiocesan Housing Authority	New Bethlehem Program	\$300,000	\$107,000
5. Communities In Schools of Greater King County	Integrated Student Supports (ABCS Early Intervention Model)	\$100,000	\$60,000
6. Eastside Legal Assistance Program	ELAP - Housing Stability	\$170,000	\$154,000
7. Essentials First	World Food Program	\$24,000	\$9,128
8. Evergreen Social Impact	2SLGBTQIA+ Programming and Outreach	\$18,500	\$5,000
9. Friends of Youth	The Willows Youth Services Center (WYSC)	\$313,824	\$117,433
10. Friends of Youth	Youth Haven	\$216,162	\$6,688
11. Hopelink	Family Development	\$37,800	\$24,824
12. Hopelink	Financial Resiliency	\$49,815	\$37,450
13. Hopelink	Food Programs	\$207,250	\$100,753
14. Immigrant Women's Community Center	East King County Immigrant Family Support and Case Management Program	\$35,000	\$5,000
15. Kinderling Center	Families in Transition (FIT)	\$31,621	\$24,387
16. KTUB Programs	4 Tomorrow and Youth Eastside Services Programming	\$220,000	\$220,000
17. Lake Washington Schools Foundation	Lake Washington Schools Foundation Pantry Packs program	\$25,000	\$10,000
18. MAPS Community Services (MAPS MCRC)	Emergency Rental Assistance	\$72,100	\$35,000

Attachment 1

19. MAPS Community Services (MAPS MCRC)	Food and Gas Assistance (Food and Gas Cards)	\$10,700	\$10,700
20. Overlake Christian Church	Financial Aid & Assistance Program	\$60,000	\$23,000
21. Overlake Christian Church	Safe Parking and Day Center Emergency Shelter	\$75,000	\$10,000
22. Porchlight	Behavioral Health	\$21,000	\$20,000
23. Porchlight	Enhanced Shelter Program	\$115,500	\$110,000
24. Porchlight	Rotating Shelter	\$5,250	\$5,000
25. Renewal Food Bank	Culturally Relevant and Linguistically Diverse Grocery Style Food Bank	\$62,093	\$28,175
26. Sound Generations	Sound Generations Meals on Wheels	\$14,000	\$12,634
27. The Sophia Way	Helen's Place - Enhanced Shelter	\$194,250	\$160,500
28. The Sophia Way	Sophia's Place: Extended-stay shelter	\$192,163	\$13,097
29. Youth Eastside Services	Behavioral Health Care for Children and Youth	\$163,190	\$129,470
30. Youth Eastside Services	Early Childhood Behavioral Health	\$85,743	\$47,514
31. Youth Eastside Services	Latine Youth and Family Integrated Behavioral Health Services	\$52,955	\$42,247
		Total Recommended	\$1,851,079
		Total Available	\$1,819,668
		Difference	\$(31,411)

2027-2028 Human Services Grant Recommendations Option B			
Agency	Program	27-28 Request	Award Total
1. Africans on the Eastside	WRAP - Wraparound support and Advocacy Program	\$20,000	\$5,000
2. Bridge Disability Ministries	Meyer Medical Equipment Center	\$10,000	\$5,350
3. Chinese Information and Service Center	North & East King Community Resource Center	\$25,000	\$15,000
4. Eastside Legal Assistance Program	ELAP - Clinic	\$35,000	\$30,000
5. Essentials First	World Food Program	\$24,000	\$2,872
6. Friends of Youth	Youth Case Management Program (Formerly Youth Employment)	\$107,105	\$15,000
7. Harborview Medical Center	Harborview Abuse and Trauma Counseling Services	\$20,304	\$10,152
8. HERO House NW	Supported Employment	\$25,000	\$11,770
9. Hopelink	Food Programs	\$207,250	\$2,872
10. Hopelink	Housing	\$189,600	\$25,000
11. IKRON Greater Seattle	Integrated Employment Program	\$18,500	\$17,000
12. Imagine Housing	Resident Services	\$260,000	\$210,200
13. Immigrant Women's Community Center	East King County Immigrant Family Support and Case Management Program	\$35,000	\$5,000
14. Indian American Community Services (IACS)	Domestic Violence Legal & Support Services	\$75,000	\$10,000
15. Indian American Community Services (IACS)	IACS Immigration Legal & Support Services	\$60,000	\$10,000
16. Indian American Community Services (IACS)	Cultural Navigation Program	\$20,000	\$20,000
17. KidVantage	A Strong Foundation for Kids - Basic Needs	\$15,116	\$15,050

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18. King County Bar Foundation	Neighborhood Legal Clinics	\$11,550	\$7,150
19. King County Sexual Assault Resource Center	General, medical, and legal advocacy for survivors of sexual assault	\$23,100	\$22,000
20. LifeWire	Housing Stability Program	\$19,420	\$17,655
21. LifeWire	Shelter	\$43,513	\$39,557
22. LifeWire	Survivor Advocacy Services	\$115,982	\$105,429
23. Porchlight	Housing	\$10,500	\$10,000
24. Porchlight	Housing Navigation	\$2,809	\$2,675
25. Renewal Food Bank	Culturally Relevant and Linguistically Diverse Grocery Style Food Bank	\$62,093	\$2,873
26. Therapeutic Health Services	Substance Use and Mental Health Treatment Program	\$17,544	\$16,709
		Total Recommended	\$634,314
		Total Available	\$634,314

2027-2028 Human Services Grant Recommendations Option C			
Agency	Program Name	27-28 Request	Award Total
1. 4 Tomorrow	Life Services Program	\$80,000	\$60,000
2. 4 Tomorrow	Mental Health Program	\$64,000	\$60,281
3. Africans on the Eastside	WRAP - Wraparound support and Advocacy Program	\$20,000	\$10,000
4. Asian Counseling and Referral Service	Whole Health Oriented Mental Health Program	\$25,000	\$11,362
5. Asian Counseling and Referral Service	Children, Youth and Families (CYF)	\$31,500	\$25,000
6. Boys & Girls Clubs of King County	YES Partnership Mental Wellness Supports	\$40,000	\$38,503
7. Chinese Information and Service Center	Russian Speaking Senior Day Program	\$20,000	\$10,000
8. Communities In Schools of Greater King County	Integrated Student Supports (ABCS Early Intervention Model)	\$100,000	\$40,000
9. Friends of Youth	Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder (MH/SUD) Services	\$138,734	\$20,000
10. HealthPoint	Medical Program	\$6,632	\$6,632
11. HERO House NW	Supported Housing	\$50,000	\$25,000
12. Hopelink	English for Work (Previously AdultEd)	\$44,600	\$15,000
13. IKRON Greater Seattle	Behavioral Health Services	\$48,000	\$45,000
14. Imagine Housing	Behavioral Health	\$25,000	\$20,000
15. Immigrant Women's Community Center	East King County Immigrant Family Support and Case Management Program	\$35,000	\$25,000
16. Indian American Community Services (IACS)	Mental Health Services Program	\$65,000	\$40,000
17. Indian American Community Services (IACS)	Rahat Community Human Services Program	\$30,000	\$20,000

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18. MAPS Community Services (MAPS MCRC)	Information and Referral Services (to additional resources)	\$17,000	\$16,050
19. Northshore Senior Center	Social Services Programs	\$10,000	\$10,000
20. Sound Generations	Volunteer Transportation Services (VTS)	\$10,000	\$10,000
21. Youth Eastside Services	Community-Based Behavioral Health Outreach	\$61,100	\$41,198
		Total Recommended	\$549,026
		Total Available	TBD

2027-2028 Human Services Grant Recommendations Not Recommended for Funding	
1. Americans 4 Equality	Workforce Dev and Internships
2. Americans 4 Equality	Career Skills Accelerator
3. Americans 4 Equality	Digital and Career Navigators
4. Assistance League of the Eastside	Operation School Bell
5. Athletes For Kids	Athletes for Kids
6. BigHug	Youth Cultural Leadership & Wellness Program
7. Bridge of Promise	Bridge Academy
8. Cascade Bicycle Club	Building Community & Providing Food Rescue and Delivery Through Bicycling
9. Catholic Community Services Of King County	Volunteer Services
10. Centro Cultural Mexicano	Thriving Futures with Centro Cultural Mexicano
11. Congolese Integration Network(CIN)	Housing & Basic Needs Stabilization Program
12. Consejo Counseling and Referral Services	Pathways to Healing and Safety
13. Creating Pathways	Housing Wellness
14. Crisis Connections (formerly Crisis Clinic)	211
15. Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN)	Community Advocacy program
16. Domestic Violence Survivors	Domestic Violence Survivors (DVS)
17. Eastside Pathways	E King County Cradle to Career Support & Advocacy
18. Eat Happy Now	Eat Happy Now Food Rescue
19. Essentials First	Community Kits & Information-Referrals Program
20. Essentials First	Essential Skills Program
21. Evergreen Social Impact	Rainbow Resilience Network
22. Friends of Youth	Healthy Start Parenting Program
23. Friends of Youth	TLP
24. Gay City Health Project (DBA LGBTQ+ Center)	Mental Health and HIV supports for LGBTQ+ Community Members
25. Global Perinatal Services	Wrap Around Perinatal Services
26. Global Social Business Partners (GSBP)	Safe Together
27. Hire Heroes USA	PNW Field Team Veteran & Military Employment
28. Hopelink	Financial Capabilities
29. Hospitality House	Hospitality House Women's Shelter
30. Housing Connector	Housing for All, Powered by Technology: Housing Navigation, Placement, & Stability Support Services for Vibrant Communities
31. Imagine Housing	Activities of Daily Living

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32. Issaquah Cultural Circle (dba The Circle)	Community Navigation
33. Issaquah Cultural Circle (dba The Circle)	Emergency Financial Assistance Program
34. Jewish Family Services	Russian Language Older Adult Day Program
35. Kinderling Center	Child Care and Preschool Consultation (CCPC)
36. Kin On Health Care Center	Senior Digital Navigation and Support Program
37. Kin On Health Care Center	Thriving Connections
38. Kubana	ConnectED
39. Latino Civic Alliance	I AM Jaguar Program - Youth and Family Intervention Program
40. Latino Community Fund	KCPN Immigrant, Refugee, and Asylum-Seeking Community Engagement Initiative
41. MAPS Community Services (MAPS MCRC)	Golden Times - Senior Services
42. MAPS Community Services (MAPS MCRC)	Transitional Housing for Single Women
43. Mary's Place	Addressing and preventing homelessness in King County through emergency shelter, mobile outreach services, and homelessness prevention
44. NAMI Eastside	Community Mental Health Ed & Support Program
45. NAMI Eastside	NAMI en Espanol
46. Northshore Senior Center	Adult Day Health
47. Northshore Senior Center	Transportation
48. Northwest Education Access	Helping Opportunity Youth
49. Northwest's Child	Inclusive Pathways to Participation and Community
50. Open Doors for Multicultural Families	Multicultural Disability Support
51. Porchlight	Employment / Disability Case Management
52. Project Access Northwest	Care Coordination
53. Project Be Free, NPC	DV Advocacy Program
54. Rehoboth Community Development Center	Immigrant Workforce Readiness & Culturally Responsive Food Distribution Program
55. RoboCodo	Eastside Youth Mentorship & Mental Wellness Initiative
56. Sewa International, Inc.	Serve the Hungry Initiative
57. Solid Ground Washington	Housing Stability Project
58. Sound Generations	Hyde Shuttle
59. Sound Generations	Sound Generations Minor Home Repair
60. The More We Love	Crisis Healing Center
61. The Sophia Way	Outreach Program: Women experiencing homelessness.
62. The YMCA of Greater Seattle	Arcadia Drop-in Center and Shelter

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63. Ubumwe Women Association Services	Immigrant Home Health Employment Training and Placement
64. Ubumwe Women Association Services	Immigrant and Refugee Housing Stability Initiative
65. Ubumwe Women Association Services	Immigrant and Refugee Support Group and Home Wellness Visits
66. Urban ArtWorks	Creative Youth Employment Pathways
67. Voices of Tomorrow	Preschool Pathways Program
68. Washington Poison Center	Washington Poison Center Emergency & Education Services
69. Washington Telangana Association	Food and Blankets for the Needy
70. Washington Telangana Association	Webinars on Kids College Education, Tax Strategies, Women Health and Empowerment, Immigration Issues
71. Woman to Woman Reentry	Woman to Woman Reentry
72. Youth Eastside Services	Behavioral Health Cultural Navigator
73. YWCA Seattle King Snohomish	YWCA Eastside Employment Services (EES)

2027-2028 Grant Application Review Schedule

May 14th Application Review Schedule

Goal Area 3

Goal Area 5

Total Number of Applications: 12

Commission Review Date	Organization Name	Program Name	Goal Area
May 14th Meeting	DAWN - Domestic Abuse Women's Network	Community Advocacy Program (CAP)	3
May 14th Meeting	Global Social Business Partners (GSBP)	Safe Together	3
May 14th Meeting	Harborview Medical Center	Harborview Abuse & Trauma Counseling Services	3
May 14th Meeting	Indian American Community Services	Domestic Violence Legal & Support Services	3
May 14th Meeting	King County Sexual Assault Resource Center	General, medical, & legal advocacy for survivors of sexual assault	3
May 14th Meeting	LifeWire	Survivor Advocacy Services	3
May 14th Meeting	Crisis Connections	211	5
May 14th Meeting	Friends of Youth	Youth Case Management Program (Formerly Youth Employment)	5
May 14th Meeting	HERO House NW	Supported Employment	5
May 14th Meeting	Hopelink	English for Work (Previously AdultEd)	5
May 14th Meeting	Hopelink	Financial Capabilities	5
May 14th Meeting	IKRON Greater Seattle	Integrated Employment Program	5

May 26th Application Review Schedule*Goal Area 4**Total Number of Applications: 17*

Commission Review Date	Organization Name	Program Name	Goal Area
May 26th Meeting	4 Tomorrow	Mental Health Program	4
May 26th Meeting	Asian Counseling & Referral Service	Whole Health Oriented Mental Health Program	4
May 26th Meeting	Asian Counseling & Referral Service	Children, Youth & Families (CYF)	4
May 26th Meeting	Boys & Girls Clubs of King County	YES Partnership Mental Wellness Supports	4
May 26th Meeting	Bridge Disability Ministries	Meyer Medial Equipment Center	4
May 26th Meeting	Consejo Counseling & Referral Service	Pathways to Healing & Safety	4
May 26th Meeting	Friends of Youth	Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder (MH/SUD) Services	4
May 26th Meeting	Gay City Health Project (DBA LGBTQ+ Center)	Mental Health & HIV supports for LGBTQ+ Community Members	4
May 26th Meeting	HealthPoint	Medical Program	4
May 26th Meeting	IKRON Greater Seattle	Behavioral Health Services	4
May 26th Meeting	Indian American Community Services (IACS)	Mental Health Services Program	4
May 26th Meeting	NAMI Eastside	Community Mental Health Ed & Support Program	4
May 26th Meeting	NAMI Eastside	NAMI en Espanol	
May 26th Meeting	Porchlight	Behavioral Health	4
May 26th Meeting	Therapeutic Health Services	Substance Use & Mental Health Treatment Program	4
May 26th Meeting	Youth Eastside Services	Behavioral Health Care for Children & Youth	4
May 26th Meeting	Youth Eastside Services	Early Childhood Behavioral Health	4

June 11th Application Review Schedule

Goal Area 1

Total Number of Applications: 20

Commission Review Date	Organization Name	Program Name	Goal Area
June 11 th Meeting	4 Tomorrow	Emergency Temporary Housing & Homelessness Recovery Program	1
June 11th Meeting	4 Tomorrow	Eviction Prevention - Rental, Mortgage & Move in Assistance	1
June 11th Meeting	Archdiocesan Housing Authority	New Bethlehem Program	1
June 11th Meeting	Eastside Legal Assistance Program	ELAP - Housing Stability	1
June 11th Meeting	Eat Happy Now	Eat Happy Now Food Rescue	1
June 11th Meeting	Essentials First	World Food Program	1
June 11th Meeting	Friends of Youth	The Willows Youth Services Center (WYSC)	1
June 11th Meeting	Friends of Youth	Youth Haven	1
June 11th Meeting	Friends of Youth	TLP	1
June 11th Meeting	Hopelink	Family Development	1
June 11th Meeting	Hopelink	Financial Resiliency	1
June 11th Meeting	Hopelink	Food Programs	1
June 11th Meeting	Hopelink	Housing	1
June 11th Meeting	Imagine Housing	Activities of Daily Living	1
June 11th Meeting	Imagine Housing	Behavioral Health	1
June 11th Meeting	Imagine Housing	Resident Services	1
June 11th Meeting	KidVantage	A Strong Foundation for Kids - Basic Needs	1
June 11th Meeting	Lake Washington Schools Foundation	Lake Washington Schools Foundation Pantry Packs program	1
June 11th Meeting	LifeWire	Housing Stability Program	1
June 11th Meeting	LifeWire	Shelter	1

June 23rd Application Review Schedule*Goal Area 1**Goal Area 2**Total Number of Applications: 20*

Commission Review Date	Organization Name	Program Name	Goal Area
June 23rd Meeting	MAPS Community Services	Emergency Rental Assistance	1
June 23rd Meeting	MAPS Community Services	Food & Gas Assistance (Food & Gas Cards)	1
June 23rd Meeting	MAPS Community Services	Transitional Housing for Single Women	1
June 23rd Meeting	Overlake Christian Church	Financial Aid & Assistance Program	1
June 23rd Meeting	Overlake Christian Church	Safe Parking & Day Center Emergency Shelter	1
June 23rd Meeting	Porchlight	Enhanced Shelter Program	1
June 23rd Meeting	Porchlight	Housing	1
June 23rd Meeting	Porchlight	Housing Navigation	1
June 23rd Meeting	Porchlight	Rotating Shelter	1
June 23rd Meeting	Renewal Food Bank	Culturally Relevant & Linguistically Diverse Grocery Style Food Bank	1
June 23rd Meeting	Solid Ground Washington	Housing Stability Project	1
June 23rd Meeting	Sound Generations	Sound Generations Meals on Wheels	1
June 23rd Meeting	The Sophia Way	Helen's Place - Enhanced Shelter	1
June 23rd Meeting	The Sophia Way	Sophia's Place : Extended-stay shelter	1
June 23rd Meeting	4 Tomorrow	Life Services Program	2
June 23rd Meeting	Africans on the Eastside	WRAP - Wraparound support & Advocacy Program	2
June 23rd Meeting	Catholic Community Services of King County	Volunteer Services	2
June 23rd Meeting	Chinese Information & Service Center	North & East King Community Resource Center	2
June 23rd Meeting	Chinese Information & Service Center	Russian Speaking Senior Day Program	2

July 9th Application Review Schedule*Goal Area 2**Total Number of Applications: 19*

Commission Review Date	Organization Name	Program Name	Goal Area
July 9th Meeting	Communities In Schools of Greater King County	Integrated Student Supports (ABCS Early Intervention Model)	2
July 9th Meeting	Eastside Legal Assistance Program	ELAP - Clinic	2
July 9th Meeting	Evergreen Social Impact	2SLGBTQIA+ Programming & Outreach	2
July 9th Meeting	Evergreen Social Impact	Rainbow Resilience Network	2
July 9th Meeting	HERO House NW	Supported Housing	2
July 9th Meeting	Immigrant Women's Community Center	East King County Immigrant Family Support & Case Management Program	2
July 9th Meeting	Indian American Community Services	IACS Immigration Legal & Support Services	2
July 9th Meeting	Indian American Community Services	Cultural Navigation Program	2
July 9th Meeting	Indian American Community Services	Rahat Community Human Services Program	2
July 9th Meeting	Jewish Family Service	Russian Language Older Adult Day Program	2
July 9th Meeting	Kinderling Center	Child Care & Preschool Consultation (CCPC)	2
July 9th Meeting	Kinderling Center	Families in Transition (FIT)	2
July 9th Meeting	King County Bar Foundation	Neighborhood Legal Clinics	2
July 9th Meeting	MAPS Community Services	Information & Referral Services (to additional resources)	2
July 9th Meeting	Northshore Senior Center	Social Services Programs	2
July 9th Meeting	Sound Generations	Hyde Shuttle	2
July 9th Meeting	Sound Generations	Volunteer Transportation Services (VTS)	2
July 9th Meeting	Youth Eastside Services	Behavioral Health Cultural Navigator	2
July 9th Meeting	Youth Eastside Services	Community-Based Behavioral Health Outreach	2
July 9th Meeting	Youth Eastside Services	Latine Youth & Family Integrated Behavioral Health Services	2