



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
CC: Mayor Ekberg
FROM: Stacy Hansen, Human Services Program Coordinator
DATE: September 12, 2022
SUBJECT: Human Services non-profit funding recommendations 2023/24

ISSUE

The Committee is being asked to approve the 2023/2024 funding recommendations of the Human Services Advisory Board.

BACKGROUND

The Tukwila Human Service Advisory Board (HSAB) has completed their funding recommendations for the 2023/24 budget year. Advisory Board members represent a range of expertise in social services, knowledge of community needs and the desire to fund programs that contribute to our mission to provide superior services that support a safe, inclusive, and healthy community.

In early spring, Human Services staff engaged board members in a variety of training opportunities including Implicit Bias with Benita Horn, training on the Equity Tool kit provided by EPIC, and a presentation on the 2023/2024 City-wide draft budget with an opportunity to ask specific questions about community impact. As a result of these additional trainings, the HSAB was able to make time relevant, thoughtful funding recommendations.

Knowing that COVID continues to impact our community with wage loss, board members reviewed proposals while focusing on long lasting economic impacts, resident stabilization, gap-filling programs, and equitable access for residents.

During the RFP review process, HS staff and the Advisory Board embarked on a pilot project that included a unique customization of the draft Equity Tool kit so it could be used to review each individual RFP application. There were 55 completed applications totaling \$923,970 in funding requests. The RFP application is a collaborative effort by the Human Services Funding Consortium between 17 south, north, and east King County cities. The RFP application includes a very specific question on how organizations are working to address internal disparities in equity and how their efforts are impacting programming and the communities' that they are serving. The modified tool kit asked relevant questions that were answered directly from each application. As each RFP application was discussed, highlights were noted on equity, diversity of staff, board members and residents and the impacts of their efforts on outcomes and removing barriers to improve accessibility. With our on-going focus on equity and accessibility, HS advisory board members were able to contribute to the RFP review process in a way that was inclusive, participatory, and utilized their individual strengths.

HSAB members were divided into two reading groups. Each meeting staff introduced the program, discussed the Equity Tool Kit worksheet focusing on new programs, and group discussion that led to the attached funding recommendations (attachment A). Board members spent anywhere from 10-15 hours reading, rating, and reviewing their assigned applications. Due to the on-going challenges of COVID and a wide range of schedules, we continued to meet virtually. Staff and board members met six times (17 hours total) throughout the summer utilizing Microsoft

Teams meetings. The team thoroughly discussed the merits of each application and how programs met the needs of our most vulnerable residents. They closely reviewed content, accessibility, inclusion, fiscal soundness, duplication, cost efficiencies and each program's history/ability to engage with the Tukwila community.

Of the 55 applications received, one previously funded non-profit program (International Rescue Committee) did not re-apply to Tukwila for funding in the 2023/24 budget. A previously funded program asked for a decrease (Crisis Connections Teen Link), 22 applications were new agencies that were not funded in current biennium.

The HSAB made recommendations based on the same budget as 2021/22, \$433,000, which includes \$14,514 held in the contingency fund. The HSAB recommended funding four+ new programs (shown in green), 23 previously funded programs were **recommended for increases (shown in bold black)**, two previously funded programs were decreased (shown in purple). Funds from programs that were reduced or not funded again were reallocated to new programs that met unmet needs/gaps in services or increased funding to high performing organizations (see attachment A & B).

In 2020, City Council allocated an additional \$250,000 for 2021 for the Human Services program to lessen the deep financial burden that COVID had on many Tukwila residents. Funds were utilized with a well-rounded approach that included increased funding to agencies who were seeing significant demands for services, and HS staff expanded their internal rent and utility assistance program that included adding a temporary, part-time staff member. During this time, Council also re-figured the split of Substitute HB 1406 recaptured sales tax into a 90% (internal rent assistance program) and 10% SKHHP (South King Homeless and Housing Partners) focus on creating affordable housing. Further, the Council allocated \$500,000 of ARPA funds for rental and utility assistance in 2022. Staff anticipates spending approximately \$3000,000 of those funds in 2022 and rolling any remaining balance to 2023 in the event that COVID impacts remain in the Tukwila community next year.

While COVID related wage loss is still a factor for some residents, a significant amount of funding has been allocated through the King County Eviction Prevention Rental Assistance Program and dispersed within the Tukwila community. Thanks to the City Council allocations of additional rent and utility assistance funds over the last three years, the Human Services staff has been able to serve almost 500 unduplicated households that met strict program requirements (graph below).

2019-2022 City Council funding allocations to Human Services				
	Purpose	amount	budget	HH assisted unduplicated
1	CBO increased need	50,000	GF	Council allocation to HS budget \$250,000
	p/t HS staff	45,000		
	rent/utility assistance	<u>155,000</u>		
	Total 2021 spent/allocation	250,000		
2	Rent assistance (COVID wage loss)		HB 1406	recaptured sales tax; temporary split, 90% HS - 10% SKHHP
	2020	110,777		104 (annual HS max \$148,000)
	2021	85,000		72
	<u>2022</u>	<u>22,121</u>		<u>21</u>
	Total program spent	217,898		197
3	Rent & Utility Assistance ytd	200,105	ARPA	Council allocation to HS budget \$500,000
	P/T staff	<u>25,000</u>		
	Total program spent	225,105		
	Total spent	\$598,003		
	Total unduplicated households	499		

Attachment A:

Programs that were recommended for funding for the 2023/24 budget cycle are listed below.

WELLNESS (PHYSICAL, DENTAL, BEHAVIORAL, WELL-BEING)

1. **After School All Stars Academy – Tutoring and Mentoring** - \$5,500 **increased to: \$7000**
ASAS provides Tutoring and Mentoring at Showalter, focusing on Academic Readiness, Career Exploration, STEM, Wellness, and the Arts.
2. **Childhaven – School Based Behavioral Health/Substance Use** - \$86,412 **decreased to: \$35,000**
Funding supports the presence of Childhaven therapists in Tukwila Schools. Therapists work with students and their families to address a wide range of emotional/behavioral issues.
3. **Children’s Therapy Center** - \$7,256 **increased to: \$7500**
Funding helps cover the cost of doctor prescribed, developmentally necessary pediatric, ot/pt, speech and feeding therapy services; parent/caregiver training, special education, and playgroups.
4. **Communities in Schools – Liaisons –** **new \$5,500**
Guided by core values of equity, opportunity, collaboration, CIS staff deliver a unique model of Integrated Student Support that creates equity in educational opportunities & student empowerment.
5. **Consejo – Counseling & Referral** **new: \$5000**
Programs include community advocacy-based counseling, sexual assault, mental health, and wellness services, transitional housing services offered in a holistic & culturally sensitive approach.
6. **Crisis Connections – 24-hour Crisis Line** - \$3,000 **increased to: \$3408**
The Crisis Line’s trained and supervised volunteers provide emergency telephone intervention for residents in crisis or emotional distress. As needed, callers can obtain direct linkage to emergency mental health services.
7. **Crisis Connections – Teen Link** - \$2000 **decreased to: \$1000**
An anonymous help line answered by supervised, teen volunteers, evenings from 6-10 pm, providing confidential, safe place for youth to seek support. Provides Youth Suicide Prevention education in schools.
8. **DAWN Community Advocacy & Crisis Line program** - \$4,000 **\$4000**
One-on-one advocacy, peer support groups and youth prevention programs are offered to residents impacted by domestic violence.
9. **Health Point Dental Care** - \$6,288 **increased to: \$7500**
This program provides affordable dental services to populations needing access to dental care.
10. **Health Point Medical Care** - \$5,000 **increased to: \$7500**
Program offered include family practice, obstetric, pediatric medical services with supportive behavioral health, case management programs. Services are tailored to low-income, uninsured residents.
11. **Institute for Family Development – PACT program** - \$18,000 **increased to: \$20,000**
Parents & Children Together provides in-home counseling, supporting high-risk, low-income families not engaged in CPS. Therapists teach families a range of effective skills improving family functioning & well-being.
12. **King County Sexual Assault Center – Comprehensive Sexual Assault Services** - **\$8,632**
The agency provides integrated services for sexual assault victims & their families, combined with community and prevention education.

WELLNESS (PHYSICAL, DENTAL, BEHAVIORAL, WELL-BEING) CONT.

13. **YWCA Children’s DV Services – Children’s DV Program** - \$5,000 **increased to: \$6000**
A 10- week education, skill-based curriculum for children ages 3-18 and their non-abusive caregivers. Services are provided in-home after abuser has left and caregiver and children have housing safety.

14. **YWCA Gender Based Violence Services** - \$5,000 **increased to: \$6000**
Comprehensive advocacy-based counseling; safety planning & education for domestic violence survivors.

HOUSING

15. **African Community Housing and Development – Social Services** - \$8000 **increased to: \$13,000**
African Community Housing and Development (ACHD) is a culturally specific agency committed to providing supportive services to end homelessness with financial and support resources, including case management.

16. **Catholic Community Services –Emergency Assistance (EAP)** - \$25,000 **\$25,000**
The program provides financial assistance to low-income families, seniors and adults that are experiencing a financial crisis that impacts their housing stability. City funds are used for utility and rental assistance.

17. **Domestic Violence Confidential Shelter (agency pending)** **\$9,000**
The agency will provide confidential, transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and their children.

18. **Hospitality House - Single Women’s Shelter** - \$7,500 **increased to: \$10,000**
Hospitality House provides shelter, food, case management & program services to homeless, single women.

19. **KCBF – Housing Justice/Neighborhood Legal Clinics** - \$5,500 **increased to: \$10,000**
Free legal assistance is provided to low-income tenants facing eviction. Neighborhood legal clinics offer legal information and referrals to low-income residents. Attorneys are pro-bono.

20. **Mary’s Place – Flexible Financial assistance** - \$7,000 **increased to: \$10,000**
Mary’s Place provides housing for women, children and families experiencing homelessness, respite, nutrition, and safety. This program assists with diversion services, shelter services and financial assistance.

21. **Multi-Service Center – Emergency Assistance** - \$47,000 **\$47,000**
One of three agencies recommended for those experiencing financial crisis. Given the demand for this support and agency capacity, multiple agency funding is deemed helpful for client accessibility.

22. **Multi-Service Center Emergency/Transitional Housing** - \$4,000 **increased to: \$4,750**
The Family Shelter Program provides temporary shelter and case management for homeless families.

23. **Renton Ecumenical Assoc. of Churches – Center of Hope Shelter** - \$6311 **increased to: \$10,000**
The Center of Hope Shelter is a day shelter/hygiene center is located in a Skyway church. The day shelter provides daily meals, resources and case management to homeless parents and their children.

24. **Way Back Inn - Transitional Housing** - \$10,000 **increased to: \$12,500**
Homeless families with children are provided with transitional housing. Two Tukwila houses, consisting of three units, are leased to the Way Back Inn to support an unsheltered family’s return to self- sufficiency.

FOOD SECURITY

25. **Sound Generations – Meals on Wheels** - \$ 10,601 **increased to: \$11,237**

Meals on Wheels delivers frozen meals and liquid nutrition to residents. The program's bi-weekly contact also decreases social isolation. Clients are primarily over 60 years old, homebound due to illness or disability.

26. **Tukwila Pantry - Pantry Food** - \$37,000 **increased to: \$40,000**

The Pantry provides basic food services as well as other essentials for low-income individuals and families.

SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE

27. **Bridge Ministries** **new: \$3000**

Bridge Ministries disperses refurbished, durable medical equipment to all clients on a donate-what-you-can basis.

28. **Childcare Resources - Information & Referral** \$4,000 **increased to: \$5869**

The agency provides information and referral to help families find appropriate childcare. They also provide training and technical assistance for childcare providers and community education regarding childcare issues.

29. **Crisis Connections – 2-1-1** - \$2,000 **\$2000**

2-1-1 Community Information line specialists provide information/referral services to all King County residents.

30. **El Centro de la Raza – System Navigation** - \$2,500 **\$2500**

Assists predominately Latinx families in accessing social service programs in a culturally/linguistically relevant manner.

31. **Lutheran Community Services - Angle Resource Center** - \$8,000 **increased to: \$9000**

The Resource Center provides classes, information, referral, access to behavioral health services for refugees and immigrants.

32. **Partner in Employment (PIE) - \$13,500** **increased to: 20,000**

P.I.E. helps Tukwila refugees and immigrants with services that include career navigation, job placement and employment retention.

33. **Puget Sound Training Center – Employment and Training Services** –\$5,000 **increased to \$6,500**

Comprehensive employment services to low-income residents, including refugees and immigrants. Services include customized skills training, case management, coaching, job placement, life skills and job readiness workshops.

34. **Refugee Women's Alliance –Family Support** - \$27,500 **increased to: \$31,500**

ReWA provides case management to immigrant/refugee residents focusing on systems navigation, housing assistance, referrals to health, employment, emergency rent/utility funds for eligible Tukwila residents.

35. **St. Vincent de Paul – Centro Rendu** **new: \$3,00**

A community resource/education center for Latinx and other families. Centro Rendu now offers adult basic education, culturally responsive case management services, early education, & services for at-risk youth.

36. **Sound Generations – Volunteer Transportation** - \$2,860 **increased to: \$3000**

Frail, medically & financially vulnerable seniors are served with volunteer transportation to medical appointments.

2023-2024 HSAB RECOMMENDATIONS				
ESJ	AGENCY/PROGRAM: FUNDING PRIORITY		2023-2024 Requests	UPDATE RECOMD
	<u>WELLNESS (physical, behavioral, dental, well-being)</u>			
x	1	After-School All-Star Academies Tutoring & Mentoring	\$10,000	\$7,000
x	2	Childhaven (formerly RAYS) - student support (set aside) \$33,661	\$92,000	\$35,000
x	3	Children's Therapy Center	\$7,500	\$7,500
x	4	Communities in Schools-Liaisons	\$10,000	\$5,000
x	5	Consejo - Counseling & Referral	\$10,000	\$5,000
x	6	Crisis Clinic Crisis Line	\$3,408	\$3,408
x	7	Crisis Clinic Teen Link	\$1,000	\$1,000
x	8	DAWN-Community Advocacy	\$8,000	\$4,000
x	9	Health Point-Dental	\$15,000	\$7,500
x	10	Health Point-Medical	\$15,000	\$7,500
x	11	Institute for Family Devel-Pact in-home counseling \$3870	\$22,560	\$20,000
x	12	King County Sexual Assault Resource Center	\$9,240	\$8,632
x	13	YWCA-Children's DV Program	\$10,000	\$6,000
x	14	YWCA-Gender Based Violence Services	\$10,000	\$6,000
		Total	\$223,708	\$123,540
	<u>HOUSING</u>			
x	15	African Community Housing & Development -holistic support	\$40,000	\$13,000
x	16	Catholic Comm Service-Emer Assistance	\$25,000	\$25,000
x	17	YWCA Anita Vista (confidential DV shelter)	\$9,000	\$9,000
x	18	Hospitality House-Shelter	\$10,000	\$10,000
x	19	KC Bar Foundation-Pro Bono	\$10,000	\$10,000
x	20	Mary's Place	\$20,000	\$10,000
x	21	Multi Service Center-EARNS fin assist. \$14,090	\$58,000	\$47,000
x	22	Multi Service Center-Shelter	\$4,750	\$4,750
x	23	Renton Ecumenical-Center of HOPE	\$31,200	\$10,000
x	24	Way Back Inn	\$12,500	\$12,500
		Total	\$220,450	\$151,250
	<u>FOOD SECURITY</u>			
x	25	Sound Generations-Meals on Wheels	\$11,237	\$11,237
x	26	Tukwila Pantry	\$40,000	\$40,000
		Total	\$51,237	\$51,237
	<u>SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE</u>			
x	27	Bridge Ministries - medical equipment	\$3,000	\$3,000
x	28	Childcare Resources - Info & Referral	\$5,869	\$5,869
x	29	Crisis Connections 211	\$24,000	\$2,000
x	30	El Centro de la Raza - Systems Navigation	\$2,500	\$2,500
x	31	LCS-Angle Lake Family Resource Center	\$10,000	\$9,000
x	32	OneAmerica (undecided)	\$20,000	\$5,000
x	33	Partner in Employment	\$25,000	\$20,000
x	34	PSTC-Employment & Training	\$7,500	\$7,500
x	35	ReWA-Case Management	\$31,500	\$31,500
x	36	SVDP - Centro Rendu	\$10,000	\$3,000
x	37	Sound Generations-Volunteer Transp.	\$3,090	\$3,090
		Total	\$142,459	\$92,459
		Non- profit allocation		\$418,486
		Contingency fund		\$14,514
		Total allocation		\$433,000
	black = recommended board funding			
	green = new program			
	updated: 9-12-22			